



## ASBESTOS VOICES – STAKEHOLDER PROMOTION PACK

### Partner Brief

#### **Asbestos Voices: Defining Research Needs**

A National Research Priorities Survey

Led by:

**National Centre for Asbestos Related Diseases (NCARD)**

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#### **About the Project**

Asbestos Voices is a national survey designed to identify the most important medical research questions in asbestos-related diseases, as defined by people with lived experience.

We are seeking input from:

- People exposed to asbestos (with or without disease)
- People diagnosed with asbestos-related diseases
- Carers and family members
- Healthcare professionals
- Advocates and community representatives

The survey takes approximately 10–15 minutes and is anonymous.

#### **Survey link:**

<https://redcap.link/ncardresearchvoices>

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#### **How You Can Support**

We invite your organisation to consider:

- Sharing the survey link with your members/network
- Including the attached flyer in newsletters or email updates
- Sharing NCARD's social media posts (Facebook, LinkedIn and X) to support wider dissemination
- Distributing printed survey forms (where appropriate)

If helpful, NCARD can provide printed survey forms and reply-paid return envelopes.

#### **Ethics & Governance**

- Approved by WA Health Central Human Research Ethics Committee and UWA
- Anonymous survey (no identifiable data collected)
- Secure data collection via REDCap
- Paper survey option available with reply-paid envelopes

#### **Feedback to the Community**

Findings will be summarised and published on the NCARD website, with key themes and next steps shared publicly.



## ASBESTOS VOICES: DEFINING RESEARCH NEEDS

### *Asbestos Research Priorities Survey*

We want to know: What are the most important questions that should be answered by medical research on asbestos-related diseases?

#### Did you know?



**Asbestos-related diseases remain a major public health concern in Australia**, contributing to thousands of deaths and affecting many more each year.



**Australia has one of the highest rates of mesothelioma in the world**, with ~700 new cases diagnosed each year, largely due to past asbestos use.



**Research into asbestos-related diseases is essential** not only for improving diagnosis, treatment and care but also for better understanding how to support individuals and families affected by asbestos exposure.

#### Who are we?

The **National Centre for Asbestos Related Diseases (NCARD)** is a leading research centre based at The University of Western Australia and Institute for Respiratory Health. Our mission is to improve the diagnosis, treatment, and support for people affected by asbestos-related diseases, such as mesothelioma, asbestosis, and asbestos-related lung cancer. NCARD researchers work closely with medical professionals, patients, and carers to better understand these diseases and develop new treatments.

For more information about our work, visit our website at [www.ncard.org.au](http://www.ncard.org.au).

#### Why are we conducting this survey?

We want to hear from people who have been exposed to asbestos, those diagnosed with asbestos-related diseases, and their carers. We want your input to help us identify the most important questions and concerns that should be addressed by future research. By sharing your experiences, you can help shape the research that leads to better care and outcomes for people affected by asbestos-related diseases.