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The Hon Greg Hunt MP
Minister for Health
National Dust Disease Taskforce

Via email: dust.consultation@health.gov.au

Dear Minister Hunt

The Australian Tunnelling Society (ATS), a Technical Society of Engineers Australia, represents the tunnelling industry in Australia as learned body of engineering professionals.

The ATS has previously recognised the issue of Respirable Silica Dust in tunnelling and has provided resources for the industry on this issue. Please refer to the ATS website:
<https://www.ats.org.au/resources/working-group-papers/>

The ATS therefore offers to share our expertise and experience gained from our long history in the tunnelling industry.

The ATS supports the approach of hazard elimination through the hierarchy of control measures and also supports the expansion of funding for research on this issue when applied to construction.

Yours sincerely



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