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Dear Mr. Garland

Craig

Thank you for your question in the House of Assembly on 3 March 2026 regarding potential respirable crystalline silica exposure in the Wynyard area.

Testing for respirable crystalline silica has been undertaken at the three businesses operating on Stennings Road, Wynyard. The testing was commissioned by those businesses at the instruction of WorkSafe Tasmania. I can confirm the results have been provided to WorkSafe Tasmania, the Environmental Protection Authority and Department of Public Health Services for assessment.

The testing indicates that there is no risk to residents or workers in the vicinity of the Stennings Road workplaces. Public Health Services has reviewed the results and has advised there is no human health risk to the surrounding community."

WorkSafe Tasmania operates as an independent regulator and investigations of this nature are undertaken at arm's length from Ministers. Consistent with that independence, Ministers do not interfere in or direct regulatory investigations. As the testing was commissioned as part of an ongoing WorkSafe Tasmania investigation, I cannot as Minister release these test results. However, these reports may be sought through an assessed disclosure under the Right to Information process.

Thank you again for raising this matter and for conveying the concerns of your constituents.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Guy Barnett".

A larger, more detailed handwritten signature in blue ink, clearly legible as "Guy Barnett".

Hon Guy Barnett MP
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