



## **BLACK LUNG: IT'S TIME THE COMPANIES PAID THEIR WAY!**

Throughout the Queensland coal industry, there are dozens of mineworkers diagnosed with the deadly Black Lung disease and many more are suffering from other dust-related diseases, such as silicosis.

All these mineworkers are Victims of employers who have failed them.

The death toll due to Black Lung is rising and the number of new Victims is growing. Up to 100 mineworkers are already paying an horrific price with deteriorating health and substantial associated costs they have to pay out of their own pockets for diagnosis and treatment.

Meanwhile, the coal operators continue to make massive profits in Queensland. Last year alone the industry exported some \$36.3 Billion worth of coal. Some of these companies are among the biggest and most profitable mining companies in the world.

The Victims are seeking a very modest industry levy to assist them and their families to help deal with the suffering and trauma they are experiencing.

They are not asking for something new or unreasonable.

The James Hardie Fund has distributed more than \$1Billion to asbestos Victims so far.

In the United States, coal companies pay a \$US1.10 per tonne levy on each tonne of coal produced to assist Black Lung Victims.

The Queensland coal Victims are only seeking 1 cent per tonne, per week levy on coal produced.

It is time that the coal companies showed some consideration and care for their coal dust Victims and their suffering families.

It is time the coal mining companies started to pay their way!

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