

30 October 2018

Messrs K Stoddart, S Mellor and T Trewin
Mine Dust Victims Group
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Dear Mr Stoddart, Mr Mellor and Mr Trewin

Thank you for your letter of 5 October 2018, outlining your group's proposal to establish an industry-funded scheme to provide additional financial support for mine dust victims in Queensland.

At Stanmore Coal, we are strongly committed to and invest in the safety of our workplaces, and the health and wellbeing of our employees and contract partners. This includes the importance of support and a 'fair go' for those who may have contracted an occupational disease or injury.

In relation to your suggestion of a levy to cover costs for individuals diagnosed with an industrial lung disease, we believe the most effective way to ensure they receive the care and support they need is through the existing Workers' Compensation Scheme, and the other provisions of the *Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation (Coal Workers' Pneumoconiosis) and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2017*. An alternative or supplementary funding process will undoubtedly create duplication, has the potential to be inefficient and add to complexity.

Stanmore Coal is fully supportive of a focused, cohesive industry approach to the issue — including investment in research into prevention and treatment. Again, we believe the framework offered by the Australian Coal Association Research Program offers the best option for the industry to continue to contribute to finding solutions.

Yours sincerely



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