

Petition



To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

This petition of certain citizens of Australia draws to the attention of the House:

- The Bernie Banton Foundation estimates that in 10 years time some 40,000 Australians will have contracted asbestos-related cancer.
- The poisoning of Australians by asbestos is a modern day industrial catastrophe which Karen Banton, the wife of the late anti-asbestos campaigner, Bernie Banton, has warned could happen again.
- There was a great violation of trust of Australians by executives of James Hardie who lied to workers about the dangers of asbestos.
- Whilst asbestos has been banned from use in Australia, many countries, such as Canada, continue to mine and export asbestos.

We therefore ask the House to ensure that Australia takes a leading role in establishing a treaty to prevent the mining and export of asbestos worldwide and to promote the teaching of business ethics in our schools and universities.
