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Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development

Freedom of Information Publication Coversheet

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8. Additional information identified by Ombudsman	N/A
9. Decision made by ACAT	N/A
10. Additional information identified by ACAT	N/A

[redacted]

The FOI Information Officer
Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate
CMTEDDFOI@act.gov.au.

To the FOI Information Officer,

RE: FOI REQUEST – SAFETY CONCERNS AT THE GUNGAHLIN LEISURE CENTRE

I write to request under the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* documents in relation to the safety concerns at the Gungahlin Leisure Centre (GLC). This request includes, but is not limited to:

- all documents relating to work health and safety concerns and complaints at the GLC;
- all documents relating to the possibility of the presence of, or exposure to, silica dust at the GLC;
- all documents relating to any such investigations or inspections by WorkSafe or any other entity of the GLC due to the possibility of silica dust;
- all documents relating to any non-disturbance notices, improvement notices, prohibition notices or other matters relating to the GLC and safety of workers; and
- all media statements/responses (including drafts) relating to the above matters.

The scope of my request is from July 2019 to date.

Should you require any further information or clarification about my request, please contact my office on [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

ACT Government
Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development

Our ref: CMTEDDFOI 2021-050

[redacted]

via email: [redacted]

Dear [redacted]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your application under section 30 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (the Act), received by the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate (CMTEDD) on 23 March 2021.

Specifically, you are seeking: "*Documents in relation to the safety concerns at the Gungahlin Leisure Centre (GLC) from July 2019 to date. This request includes, but is not limited to:*

- *All documents relating to work health and safety concerns and complaints at the GLC;*
- *All documents relating to the possibility of the presence of, or exposure to, silica dust at the GLC;*
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- *All media statements/responses (including drafts) relating to the above matters."*

Authority

I am an Information Officer appointed by the Director-General under section 18 of the Act to deal with access applications made under Part 5 of the Act.

Timeframes

In accordance with section 40 of the Act, CMTEDD is required to provide a decision on your access application by 22 April 2021.

Decision on access

Searches were completed for relevant documents and four documents were identified that fall within the scope of your request.

I have included as **Attachment A** to this decision the schedule of relevant documents. This provides a description of each document that falls within the scope of your request and the access decision for each of those documents.

I have decided to grant full access to one document and partial access to the remaining three documents relevant to your request.

My access decisions are detailed further in the following statement of reasons and the documents released to you are provided as **Attachment B** to this letter.

In accordance with section 54(2) of the Act a statement of reasons outlining my decisions is below.

Statement of Reasons

In reaching my access decisions, I have taken the following into account:

- the Act;
- the content of the documents that fall within the scope of your request; and
- the *Human Rights Act 2004*.

Exemption claimed

My reasons for deciding not to grant access to the identified documents and components of these documents are as follows:

Public Interest

The Act has a presumption in favour of disclosure. As a decision maker I am required to decide where, on balance, public interests lies. As part of this process, I must consider factors favouring disclosure and non-disclosure.

In *Hogan v Hinch* (2011) 243 CLR 506, [31] French CJ stated that when 'used in a statute, the term [public interest] derives its content from "the subject matter and the scope and purpose" of the enactment in which it appears'. Section 17(1) of the Act sets out the test, to be applied to determine whether disclosure of information would be contrary to the public interest. These factors are found in subsection 17(2) and Schedule 2 of the Act.

Taking into consideration the information contained in the documents found to be within the scope of your request, I have identified that the following public interest factors are relevant to determine if release of the information contained within these documents is within the 'public interest'.

Factors favouring disclosure in the public interest:

(a) disclosure of the information could reasonably be expected to do any of the following:

ii) contribute to positive and informed debate on important issues or matters of public interest;

Having considered the factors identified as relevant in this matter, I consider that release of the information, within the scope of the request, may contribute to positive and informed debate on a matter of public interest pertaining to the work health and safety

concerns at Gungahlin Leisure Centre (GLC). I am satisfied that this factor favouring disclosure carries significant weight. However, this weight is to be balanced with the weight of factors favouring non-disclosure.

Factors favouring nondisclosure in the public interest:

(a) disclosure of the information could reasonably be expected to do any of the following:

(ii) Prejudice the protection of an individual's right to privacy or other rights under the Human Rights Act 2004;

Having reviewed the documents, I consider that the protection of an individual's right to privacy, especially during dealings with the ACT Government is a significant factor as the parties involved have provided their personal information for the purposes of working with the ACT Government. This, in my opinion, outweighs the benefit which may be derived from releasing the personal information of the individual's involved in this matter.

Individuals are entitled to expect that the personal information they have supplied as part of this process will be dealt with in a manner that protects their privacy. Considering the type of information to be withheld from release, I am satisfied that the factors in favour of release can still be met while protecting the personal information of the individuals involved. I therefore weight the factor for non-disclosure more highly than the factor in favour of release in this instance. As a result, I have decided that release of this information (names (excluding publicly available journalists), mobile phone numbers and email addresses of individuals not employed by the ACT Public Service) could prejudice their right to privacy under the *Human Rights Act 2004*.

Having applied the test outlined in section 17 of the Act and deciding that release of personal information contained in the documents is not in the public interest to release, I have chosen to redact this specific information in accordance with section 50(2). Noting the pro-disclosure intent of the Act, I am satisfied that redacting only the information that I believe is not in the public interest to release will ensure that the intent of the Act is met and will provide you with access to the majority of the information held by CMTEDD within the scope of your request.

Charges

Pursuant to *Freedom of Information (Fees) Determination 2018* processing charges are applicable for this request because the total number of pages to be released to you exceeds the charging threshold of 50 pages. However, the charges have been waived in accordance with section 107(2)(e) of the Act.

Online publishing – Disclosure Log

Under section 28 of the Act, CMTEDD maintains an online record of access applications called a disclosure log. Your original access application, my decision and documents released to you in response to your access application will be published in the CMTEDD disclosure log 3 days after the date of my decision. Your personal contact details will not be published.

You may view CMTEDD disclosure log at https://www.cmtedd.act.gov.au/functions/foi.

Ombudsman Review

My decision on your access request is a reviewable decision as identified in Schedule 3 of the Act. You have the right to seek Ombudsman review of this outcome under section 73 of the Act within 20 working days from the day that my decision is published in CMTEDD disclosure log, or a longer period allowed by the Ombudsman.

We recommend using this form *Applying for an Ombudsman Review* to ensure you provide all of the required information. Alternatively, you may write to the Ombudsman at:

The ACT Ombudsman
GPO Box 442
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Via email: actfoi@ombudsman.gov.au

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal (ACAT) Review

Under section 84 of the Act, if a decision is made under section 82(1) on an Ombudsman review, you may apply to the ACAT for review of the Ombudsman decision. Further information may be obtained from the ACAT at:

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal
Level 4, 1 Moore St
GPO Box 370
Canberra City ACT 2601
Telephone: (02) 6207 1740
http://www.acat.act.gov.au/

Should you have any queries in relation to your request please contact me by telephone on 6207 7754 or email CMTEDDFOI@act.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Angela Friend
Information Officer
Information Access Team
Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate

7 April 2021

ACT Government
Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST SCHEDULE

WHAT ARE THE PARAMETERS OF THE REQUEST	Reference NO.
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Ref No	Page number	Description	Date	Status	Reason for Exemption	Online Release Status
1	1-13	Crystalline Silica Report	24 Jul 2019	Partial Release	Sch 2 s2.2 (a)(ii)	Yes
2	14-19	Workplace Visit Report	7 Jul 2020	Partial Release	Sch 2 s2.2 (a)(ii)	Yes
3	20-67	Email – Media Enquiries	22 Mar 2021	Partial Release	Sch 2 s2.2 (a)(ii)	Yes
4	68-103	Email – Media Enquiries	23 Mar 2021	Full release	N/A	Yes
Total No of Docs						
4						

Initial information

Type of report *

Crysta ine Si ica

Inspector ID *

P05543

Inspection number

WPV-P05543-VJISR3

Lead inspector *

Stuart McKenzie

Is there any accompanying inspectors *

- ( ) **Yes**
- (•) **No**

Date *

24 Ju 2019

Time commenced *

09:15

Type of WPV *

- ( ) **Proactive**
- (•) **Reactive**

Legis ation *

- [ ] **Dangerous Goods(Road Transport) ACT 2009**
- [ ] **Dangerous Substances Act 2004**
- [ ] **Long Service Leave Act 1976**
- [ ] **Machinery Act 1949**
- [ ] **Scaffolding and Lifts Act 1912**
- [x] **Work Health and Safety Act 2011**
- [ ] **Workers Compensation Act 1951**

Is this a joint inspection? *

- ( ) **Yes**
- (•) **No**

Name of individua or registered company *

Other

Name of individua or registered company *

YMCA NSW

ABN

28067150010

ACN

Business or trading name (if different)

Registered company address

Address ine 1 *

Leve 5

Address ine 2

20 Smith Street

Suburb *

Parramatta

State *

NSW

Postcode *

2150

Contact name *

2.2(a)(ii) (Operations Co-ordinator)

Contact number *

2.2(a)(ii)

Emai address *

2.2(a)(ii) @ymcansw.org.au

Workers compensation

Is a compu sory Workers Compensation Po icy maintained? *

- **Yes**
- **No**
- **Not applicable**

Details of inspection

Site/Workplace address

Address ine 1 *

17

Address ine 2

Va ey Avenue

Suburb *

GUNGAHLIN

State

ACT

Postcode *

2912

Notification of entry to (as required by s164) *

- [ ] **PCBU**
- [ ] **Manager**
- [ ] **Supervisor**
- [ ] **HSR**
- [x] **Other**
- [ ] **N/A**

Inspector notes

On arriva I met 2.2(a)(ii) (Operations Coordinator). I exp ained to 2.2(a)(ii) that we had received some concerns about arge amounts of dust coming from some ti ing work in the poo area and it was thought si ica cou d we be invo ved.

2.2(a)(ii) said he had never heard of si ica dust and wa ked me to the emptied poo where one remaining worker was sea ing between the new y insta ed ti es with si icon sea ant on the south poo wa .

2.2(a)(ii) exp ained the northern wa had deve oped a eak which ed to the ti es on that wa and a engthy section of ti es on the southern wa being removed. Before the new ti es cou d be reinsta ed the origina materia used to g ue the ti es to the concrete wa s had to be removed. 2.2(a)(ii) thought that this was done by approximate y five (5) workers using ang e grinders and that the activity with the ang e grinders asted on y one (1) day.

2.2(a)(ii) advised the faci ity is ACT Government owned and run by YMCA NSW and that the poo was origina y insta ed by Crysta Poo s from Sydney and thought to be sti within the warranty period therefore the work to be carried out to remedy the eak was arranged by ACT Government Property Group. Another fema e worker provided me a note with for the ACT Government contact person Grant Voysey on 6207 5809 or 0466 868 541 or grant.voysey@act.gov.au.

Form 1 - Workplace visit record/checklist/self-audit tool

HSR *

N/A

Activity (i.e. manufacturing composite stone, benchtops, foundries, concrete, brick aying, ti ing etc) *

Construction

Number of emp oyees:

Fu time

N/A

Part time

Casua

Part A: Hazard identification, control and communication

A11 - Are there any workers/ workgroups that are exposed to RCS? (s49 WHS Reg) *

- ( ) **Yes**
- ( ) **No**
- (•) **Not applicable**

A12 - Have workers been made aware of the hazards of exposure, inc uding hea th effects to RCS? (s379 WHS Reg) *

- ( ) **Yes**
- ( ) **No**
- (•) **Not applicable**

A13 - Are Safety Data Sheets for manufactured products containing si ica, accessib e to workers (e.g. fibre cement products? (s344 WHS Reg) *

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable

A14 - Does the PCBU have persona air monitoring data which confirms its workers are exposed to crysta ine si ica be ow the exposure standard of 0.1mg/m₃ (s49 WHS Reg) *

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable

Part B - Engineering and isolation controls - Appendix B

B20 - Is the PCBU re ying on engineering and iso ation contro s to demonstrate comp iance with the exposure standard? (s36 & s37 WHS Reg) *

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable

Identify if any of the fo owing p ant or equipment are being used on site, then refer to the Quick Guide

- **B21 - Stationary masonry saws - Ref a)**
- **B22 - Handheld power saws (any blade diameter) - Ref b)**
- **B23 - Handheld power saws -fibre cement (only for blade diameter < 8"and outdoor tasks) - Ref c)**
- **B24 - Walk-behind saws - Ref d)**
- **B25 - Impact and rotary hammer drills - Ref g)**
- **B26 - Jackhammers and handheld powered chipping tools - Ref j)**
- **B27 - Handheld grinders for mortal removal (tuck pointing) - Ref k)**
- **B28 - Handheld grinders for uses other than mortar removal - Ref l)**
- **B29 - Walk behind milling machines and floor grinders - Ref m)**
- **B30 - Other Equipment - Ref Appendix D**
- **B31 - Other Equipment - Ref Appendix C**
- **B32 - Other Equipment**

Part C - Respiratory protective equipment (RPE) - Appendix E

C33 - Does the PCBU re y on RPE to contro exposures for their workers to be ow the exposure standard (i.e. 0.1 mg/m3)? *

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable

Part D - Health Monitoring to 'further information' in the Crystalline Silica Dust Guidance Note

D40 - Is there a significant risk to the hea th? (i.e. air monitoring indicates exposures approach the WES or engineering and iso ation contro s are not sufficient y effective) (s368 WHS Reg) *

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable

D41 Has the PCBU arranged hea th monitoring where there is a significant risk to hea th? (If notices have been issued to imp ement contro s to significant y reduce the risk to hea th: answer = N/A) (s368 WHS Reg) *

- ○ **Yes**
- ○ **No**
- ◉ **Not applicable**

D42 - Is the hea th monitoring carried out by or under the supervision of a registered medica practitioner (RMP) with experience in hea th monitoring? (s371 WHS Reg) *

- ○ **Yes**
- ○ **No**
- ◉ **Not applicable**

D43 - Has the PCBU provided the RMP with information on the workers tasks, ength of exposure and where avai ab e, exposure eve s? (s373 WHS Reg) *

- ○ **Yes**
- ○ **No**
- ◉ **Not applicable**

D44 - Has the PCBU obtained copies of hea th monitoring reports for its workers? (s374 WHS Reg) *

- ○ **Yes**
- ○ **No**
- ◉ **Not applicable**

D45 - Does the PCBU provide copies of hea th monitoring reports to its workers as soon as practicab e, after it obtains a report ? (s375 WHS Reg) *

- ○ **Yes**
- ○ **No**
- ◉ **Not applicable**

D46 - Does the PCBU keep hea th monitoring reports as a confidentia record in re ation to a worker and for a period of 30 years? (s378 WHS Reg) *

- ○ **Yes**
- ○ **No**
- ◉ **Not applicable**

D47 - Have any test resu ts indicated that the worker may have contracted a disease, or i ness because of exposure to RCS? (s374 WHS Reg) *

- ○ **Yes**
- ○ **No**
- ◉ **Not applicable**

D48 - Has the PCBU reviewed contro measures after receiving a report that a worker has suffered an i ness/disease or a recommendation from a RMP? (s352 WHS Reg) *

- ○ **Yes**
- ○ **No**
- ◉ **Not applicable**

D49 - Has the PCBU provided a copy of a hea th monitoring report to WorkSafe ACT where any worker has contracted an i ness/disease from RCS? (s376 WHS Reg) *

- ○ **Yes**
- ○ **No**
- ◉ **Not applicable**

D50 - Has the PCBU provided a copy of a hea th monitoring report to WorkSafe ACT where the report contains a recommendation for remedia measures inc uding whether a worker can continue to work with RCS? (s 376 WHS Reg) *

- ○ **Yes**
- ○ **No**
- ◉ **Not applicable**

Inspector notes

Form 2 - Pre-entry requirements & assessment

Inspector name: Stuart McKenzie | Inspector ID number: P05543 | Date: 2019-07-24

Site/Workplace

Address ine 1 *: 17

Address ine 2: Va ey Avenue

Suburb *: GUNGAHLIN | State: ACT | Postcode *: 2912

Individual or registered company details

Name of individua or registered company: YMCA NSW

Address ine 1 *: Leve 5

Address ine 2: 20 Smith Street

Suburb *: Parramatta | State *: NSW | Postcode *: 2150

Contact: 2.2(a)(ii) (Operations Co-ordinator)

KEY REQUIREMENTS

Hazardous Chemica Register

You must have a Hazardous Chemica s Register (HCR) readi y accessib e to the inspector prior to their entry to the workp ace the HCR inc udes each chemica at the workp ace however during this visit as a minimum, a ist of on y products containing Si ica accompanied by a current Safety Data Sheet (SDS) wi suffice. (WH&S Reg 346)

Assessment for Respirab e Si ica dust

What actions have you taken to identify any workers or other persons ike y to be exposed to respirab e si ica dust, what contro measures have you imp emented and maintained to effective y contro exposures to workers or other persons prior to WorkSafe ACT's impending visit? P ease refer to the questions be ow;

1. Does a study of SDSs or research about chemica composition of materia s used/ hand ed in the workp ace show significant percentage of si ica in the materia s? *

- ( ) **Yes**
- ( ) **No**
- (•) **Not applicable**

Comments

2. If dust is generated in either an open space and/or in a c osed space ike a room or shed then is there any system in p ace for capturing dust by drawing air through a highefficiency particu ate fi ter (captive venti ation)? *

- ○ **Yes**
- ○ **No**
- ◉ **Not applicable**

Comments

3. How much tota time in minutes or hours in a shift wou d these workers be spending at the source of the dust generation? *

- ○ **Yes**
- ○ **No**
- ◉ **Not applicable**

Comments

4. Has any study or eva uation been done regarding the dust contro measures as above? *

- ○ **Yes**
- ○ **No**
- ◉ **Not applicable**

Comments

5. Are the dust contro measures checked (if so, how?) and maintained regu ar y? *

- ○ **Yes**
- ○ **No**
- ◉ **Not applicable**

Comments

6. Is any other particu ar c ass of workers/other persons (such as other contractors, technicians, operators, drivers, members of the pub ic etc) required to come c ose to the area where dust is generated? *

- ○ **Yes**
- ○ **No**
- ◉ **Not applicable**

Comments

7. How often in a shift, are these workers/other persons (as identified in 6); required tocome c ose to the ocation of dust generation? *

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable

Comments

8. How much tota time in minutes or hours wou d these workers/other persons bespending c ose to the ocation of dust generation? *

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable

Comments

9. Is there any c ass of workers (such as maintenance crew), who go into confined/enc osed spaces ike si os, mixers sheds etc where dust from high si ica content materia s may be present? *

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable

Comments

10. Wou d the activities of the workers as above disturb the dust? *

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable

Comments

11. How often are these workers as above required to be in the confined or enc osed and for what duration each time? *

- ○ **Yes**
- ○ **No**
- ◉ **Not applicable**

Comments

12. Has any study or eva uation been done regarding the dust contro measures as above? (as identified in 9) *

- ○ **Yes**
- ○ **No**
- ◉ **Not applicable**

Comments

13. Are the dust contro measures checked (if so, how?) and maintained regu ar y? *

- ○ **Yes**
- ○ **No**
- ◉ **Not applicable**

Comments

14. Are there suitab e respirator masks provided to these workers who cou d be exposed to si ica dust hazard? *

- ○ **Yes**
- ○ **No**
- ◉ **Not applicable**

Comments

15. Is there a system in p ace to ensure that the respirator masks are checked frequent y and worn correct y by workers when they are c ose to the ocation of dust generation? *

- ○ **Yes**
- ○ **No**
- ◉ **Not applicable**

Comments

Genera comments

Phone: 131 450

Further action

Further action required? *

- (•) **Yes**
- ( ) **No**

Further inspections required? *

- (•) **Yes**
- ( ) **No**

Se ecting Yes to the above question wi cause a revisit task to be created in your task ist

Notices issued *

- ( ) **Yes**
- (•) **No**

Previous notice/s issued?

- ( ) **Yes**
- (•) **No**

Finalisation details

Photos

Other attachments (documents)

WPV for asbestos re ated issue *

( ) **Yes** (•) **No**

Industry group *

Arts and recreation Services

Time finished *

09:30

Disc aimer:

The issues identified during this Inspection are on y indicative of comp iance with the Work Hea th and Safety Act 2011, Work Hea th and Safety Regu ation 2011, Dangerous Substance Act 2004 and Workers Compensation Act 1951 on the date of the Inspection. If comp iance is identified during this Inspection, it does not remove the ob igation of any person to comp y with any further requirement of the above mentioned Acts and Regu ations.

Lead inspector emai address *

Stuart.McKenzie@act.gov.au

How many other emai addresses wou d you ike to send this to? *

1

Emai 1 *

2.2(a)(ii) @ymcansw.org.au

Privacy notice

The information co ected for the purpose of the Work Hea th and Safety Act 2011 and is in accordance with the Information Privacy Act 2014. WorkSafe ACT prevents any unreasonab e intrusion into person's privacy in accordance with the Privacy Act 1988 (C'W th) and Information Privacy Act 2014. WorkSafe ACT provides identifiab e information which can be disc osed to other aw enforcement agencies and authorised organisations that have ega authority to request information under prescribed circumstances.

Initial information

Type of report *

Workp ace Visit

Inspector ID *

P05757

Inspection number

WPV-P05757-X6YIO4

Event number

200707-003501

Lead inspector *

A an Chipperfie d

Is there any accompanying inspectors *

(•) **Yes** ( ) **No**

Item Number 1

Accompanying inspector/Other *

Pau Ledbrook

Date *

07 Ju 2020

Time commenced *

9:15

Type of WPV *

(•) **Proactive** ( ) **Reactive**

Purpose of WPV *

Residentia Construction

Legis ation *

Work Hea th and Safety Act 2011

Is this a joint inspection? *

( ) **Yes** (•) **No**

Name of individua or registered company *

Other

Name of individua or registered company *

Gungah in Lesiure Centre

ABN

ACN

Business or trading name (if different)

Registered company address

Address ine 1 *

71 Va ey Way

Address ine 2

Suburb * | State * | Postcode *

Gungah in | ACT | 2912

Contact name * | Contact number *

2.2(a)(ii) | 2.2(a)(ii)

Emai address *

2.2(a)(ii) @ymcansw.org.au

Workers compensation

Is a compu sory Workers Compensation Po icy maintained? *

- ( ) **Yes**
- ( ) **No**
- (•) **Not applicable**

Details of inspection

Site/Workplace address

- [x] **Same as registered address**

Notification of entry to (as required by s164) *

- [ ] **PCBU**
- [x] **Manager**
- [ ] **Supervisor**
- [ ] **HSR**
- [ ] **Other**
- [ ] **N/A**

Inspector notes

Attended ocation and conducted an inspection in re ation to repair works to the main swimming poo in regards to workers having to undertake works a ong the poo edge and the possib e risk of fa s from heights given the swimming poo has been drained.

Whi st no works were being undertaken on the main poo reti ing works being performed on the chi dren s p ay poo were no risk of fa s are present.
However it was determined that the main poo is being surveyed by engineers and future repair works are expected where

workers wi be performing works inside the poo and a in ike ihood works may be needed a ong the poo edge.

Items discussed inc uded;

* Ensuring a workers if required to work on poo edge where there is a risk of fa s imp ement contro s to minimise the risk of fa s.

* Any works invo ving construction works that are performed over 2 meters in height is deemed as high risk construction and wi require a safe work method statement to be provided before works commence.

* Current y engineers are performing inspections both inside the poo and on the poo deck given the possibi ity of a fa from heights doing their inspections it was recommended an exc usion zone a ong the poo edge be put in p ace to provide a visua guidance to indicate where the poo edge is present. Note an exc usion zone shou d be set at a distance which provides sufficient coverage away from the poo edge.

* Recommended that a workers entering site are provided an induction of the site in regards hazards and site requirements.

Note: Whi st not spoken about at the time of the visit in regards in si ica dust contro p ease refer to the ink be ow and the guidance note for Safe Work Method Statements in regards to working with si ica dust.

https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/ci/fattach/get/284629/1552608708/redirect/1/fi ename/Si ica+Dust+-+Guidance+Note.pdf

GUIDANCE NOTE
February 2020

SAFE WORK METHOD STATEMENTS (SWMS)
(Incorporating expanded information on a contaminated atmosphere)
OVERVIEW
The Work Hea th and Safety egis ation requires a person conducting a business or undertaking to prepare a safe work method statement (SWMS) or ensure a SWMS has been prepared before any high risk construction work commences. SWMS are required for18 high risk construction work activities. A SWMS is not required for work of a minor nature .
However number 12 be ow "is carried out in an area that may have a contaminated or f ammab e atmosphere" gives rise to the need to prepare a safe work method statement.
HIGH RISK ACTIVITIES?
High risk construction work must not be carried out un ess a SWMS is prepared. High risk construction work means construction work that:
1. invo ves a risk of a person fa ing more than 2 metres; or,
2. is carried out on a te ecommunication tower; or,
3. invo ves demo ition of an e ement of a structure that is oad bearing or otherwise re ated to the physica integrity of the structure; or,
4. invo ves, or is ike y to invo ve, the disturbance of asbestos; or,
5. invo ves structura a terations or repairs that require temporary support to prevent co apse; or,
6. is carried out in or near a confined space; or,
7. is carried out in or near:
1. a shaft or trench with an excavated depth greater than 1.5 metres; or,
2. a tunne ; or,
8. invo ves the use of exp osives; or,
9. is carried out on or near pressurised gas distribution mains or piping; or,
10. is carried out on or near chemica , fue or refrigerant ines; or,
11. is carried out on or near energised e ectrica insta ations or services; or,
12. is carried out in an area that may have a contaminated or f ammab e atmosphere; (*see note be ow re: contaminated atmosphere) or,
13. invo ves ti t up or precast concrete; or,
14. is carried out on, in or adjacent to a road, rai way, shipping ane or other traffic corridor that is in use by traffic other than pedestrians; or,
15. is carried out in an area at a workp ace in which there is any movement of powered mobi e p ant; or,
16. is carried out in an area in which there are artificia extremes of temperature; or,
17. is carried out in or near water or other iquid that invo ves a risk of drowning; or,
18. invo ves diving work.

*CONTAMINATED ATMOSPHERE
Respirab e Crysta ine Si ica dust
The fo owing tasks may give rise to a contaminated atmosphere due to the re ease of respirab e crysta ine si ica dust; if a worker cuts or dri s manufactured stone such as kitchen benchtops, b asts, excavates or tunne s into sandstone, c ay or granite, dri s, cuts or chases into concrete and brickwork, cuts bricks or ti es dry ang e grinds on concrete or masonry jackhammers, scabb es or chise s concrete, c eans up the dust and debris created by the above activities, inc uding dried concrete s urry, dismant es equipment covered in dust, demo ishes bui dings etc.
For further information p ease see:
WorkSafe ACT - Crysta ine Si ica Dust Guidance Note
WorkSafe ACT – Si ica Dust Overview
Safe Work Austra ia – Workp ace Exposure Standards For Airborne Contaminants
Safe Work Austra ia – Guidance on Interpretation of Workp ace Exposure Standards For Airborne Contaminants
WHAT IS A SWMS?
The primary purpose of a SWMS is to enab e supervisors, workers and any other persons at the workp ace to understand the requirements that have been estab ished to carry out high risk construction work in a safe and hea thy manner. It sets out the work activities in ogica sequences and identifies hazards and describes contro measures.
Any activity, no matter how simp e or comp ex can be broken down into a series of basic steps that wi permit a systematic ana ysis of each part of the activity for hazards and potentia accidents. The description of the process shou d not be so broad that it eaves out activities with the potentia to cause accidents and prevents proper identification of the hazards nor is it necessary to go into fine detai of the tasks.
The aim of a SWMS is to:

• describe the activity or task to be undertaken;
• identify the resources, manpower and ski s associated with the task;
• assess and se ect contro measures (as appropriate); and,
• systematica y p an the activity so it can be comp eted efficient y and effective y.
A SWMS is c assed as an administrative contro and is used to support higher order contro s to e iminate or minimise risks to hea th and safety such as engineering contro s. A SWMS is genera y different from other documents that focus on specific tasks or processes, such as a job safety ana ysis or a safe operating procedure. A SWMS is not intended to be a procedure, rather it is a too to he p supervisors and workers confirm and monitor the contro measures required at the workp ace. One SWMS can be used for work that invo ves mu tip e high risk construction work activities.
WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?
A person conducting a business or undertaking must prepare a SWMS, or ensure a SWMS has been prepared, for high risk construction work activities. A SWMS must be prepared before this work commences. For a other construction activities a SWMS is not required. However, a person conducting a business or undertaking must manage risks to hea th and safety by e iminating or minimising risks so far as is reasonab y practicab e. A principa contractor must a so obtain the SWMS before high risk construction work on a construction project commences.

WHO SHOULD PREPARE A SWMS?
The person responsib e for carrying out the high risk construction work is best p aced to prepare the SWMS in consu tation with workers who wi be direct y engaged in the work. Genera y this means a SWMS is prepared by the bui der for their workers, or by the subcontractor for their workers and themse ves. The principa contractor, bui der and subcontractors shou d consu t with each other to determine who is in the best position to prepare the SWMS.
Managers, contractors, eading hands and workers shou d a be invo ved in deve oping a SWMS. Consu ting workers is important so they understand the detai of the SWMS and what they are required to do to imp ement and maintain risk contro s. Sharing information and using the know edge and experience of workers wi he p ensure the work is performed in accordance with the SWMS.
If there is a hea th and safety representative at the workp ace they shou d a so be consu ted when deve oping a SWMS.
WHAT INFORMATION MUST BE INCLUDED IN A SWMS?
When preparing a SWMS the circumstances at the workp ace that may affect the way in which the high risk construction work is carried out must be taken into account.
A SWMS must:
• identify the work that is high risk construction work;
• specify hazards re ating to the high risk construction work and the risks to hea th and safety;
• describe the measures to be imp emented to contro the risks; and,
• describe how the contro measures are to be imp emented, monitored and reviewed.
A SWMS shou d a so inc ude:
• the person conducting a business or undertaking s name, address and ABN (if they have one);
• detai s of the person(s) responsib e for ensuring imp ementation, monitoring and comp iance with the SWMS;
• the review date (if any); and,
• if the work is being carried out at a construction project:
• the name of the principa contractor;
• the address where the high risk construction work wi be carried out; and,
• the date the SWMS was prepared and the date it was provided to the principa contractor.
A SWMS may a so inc ude the names of workers that have been consu ted on the content of the SWMS, the date the consu tation occurred and the signature of each worker acknow edging their participation in this consu tation and the opportunity to discuss the proposed measures.
A SWMS shou d be short and focus on describing the specific hazards identified for the high risk construction work to be undertaken and the contro measures to be put in p ace so the work is carried out safe y. A engthy, over y detai ed SWMS can be difficu t to understand, app y at the workp ace, monitor or review. A SWMS must be easi y understood by workers, inc uding those from non-Eng ish speaking backgrounds. For examp e, pictures or diagrams may be a more effective way of communicating information.
Whi e there are other egis ative requirements to ensure hea th and safety such as providing information, instruction and training, these detai s are not required to be demonstrated in a SWMS. This can be achieved in other ways by

induction or task specific training documented in training registers or too box meetings. If the SWMS is based on a workp ace specific risk assessment, evidence of the risk assessment may be required by the regu ator or for auditing purposes but does not need to be detai ed in the SWMS.
WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE PRINCIPAL CONTRACTOR?
Under the Work Hea th and Safety Regu ation 2011, each construction project that is a project that invo ves construction work where the cost of the construction work is $250,000 or more must have a principa contractor.
A principa contractor must obtain a SWMS from any contractor working for them before work commences. If there is no SWMS, the principa contractor must make arrangements for a SWMS to be prepared by the contractor. A principa contractor shou d put in p ace arrangements for ensuring the high risk construction work is performed safe y in accordance with the SWMS. This is done by monitoring the imp ementation of the SWMS on the ground . The Work Hea th and Safety Regu ation 2011 require the work hea th and safety management p an inc ude specific arrangements for co ecting, assessing, monitoring and reviewing the SWMS.
There may be situations where there are different types of high risk construction work occurring at the same time at the same workp ace, for examp e if work is being carried out:
• where there is a risk of a person fa ing more than 2 metres; and
• near a trench with an excavated depth greater than 1.5 metres.

In these cases one SWMS may be prepared to cover a high risk construction work activities being carried out at the workp ace. A ternative y, a separate SWMS can be prepared for each type of high risk construction work. If separate SWMS are prepared, consider how the different work activities may impact on each other and whether this may ead to inconsistencies between contro measures. If more than one person has the duty to ensure a SWMS is or has been prepared, they must consu t with each other to co-ordinate who wi be responsib e for actua y preparing it.
CAN A GENERIC SWMS BE USED?
It is important for a SWMS to ref ect the specific circumstances of the workp ace in which it wi operate, the workp ace where the high risk construction work is to be carried out, the work environment and the workers carrying out the work. A generic SWMS used at different workp aces may not meet the requirements of the work hea th and safety aws, un ess it has first been reviewed to take into account the hazards and risks at the specific workp ace and amended as necessary. One SWMS can be prepared to cover a variety of tasks if it takes into account the changing nature of the work environment. A ternative y, a separate SWMS can be prepared for each high risk construction work activity. In this case consider situations where different activities impact each other, for examp e using powered mobi e p ant during the construction of a tunne .

IMPLEMENTING A SWMS
High risk construction work must be carried out in accordance with the SWMS. The person conducting a business or undertaking must put in p ace arrangements to ensure the SWMS is being comp ied with, for examp e workp ace visits. If work is not being carried out in accordance with the SWMS then it must stop immediate y or as soon as it is safe to do so. In these cases the SWMS shou d be reviewed and if necessary revised to ref ect the safest way to carry out the work that is reasonab y practicab e. Work must not resume unti the work can be carried out in accordance with the SWMS. A person conducting a business or undertaking must a so ensure a SWMS is reviewed and as necessary revised if the measures put in p ace to contro risks to hea th and safety are revised.

PROVIDING INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTION
A person conducting a business or undertaking must ensure that a workers who wi be invo ved in high risk construction work are provided with information and instruction so they:
• understand the hazards and the risks arising from the work;
• understand and imp ement the risk contro s in a SWMS; and,
• know what to do if the work is not being conducted in accordance with the SWMS.
For examp e, this information and instruction may be provided during genera construction induction training, workp ace specific or during a too box ta k by principa contractor, contractor or subcontractor.

WHERE DO I KEEP A SWMS?
The SWMS shou d be kept at the workp ace where the high risk construction work wi be carried out. If this is not possib e, then a SWMS shou d be kept at a ocation where it can be de ivered to the workp ace quick y. A SWMS can a so be kept e ectronica y.
The SWMS must be kept and be avai ab e for inspection unti at east the high risk construction work is comp eted. Where a SWMS is revised, a versions shou d be kept.
If a notifiab e incident occurs in re ation to high risk construction work to which the SWMS re ates, then the SWMS must be kept for at east two years from the occurrence of the notifiab e incident. If the construction work at the workp ace has ceased within that period then the person conducting a business or undertaking shou d keep the SWMS readi y avai ab e for inspection.

REVIEWING A SWMS
A SWMS must be reviewed regu ar y to make sure it remains effective. A SWMS must be reviewed (and revised if necessary) if re evant contro measures are revised.
The review process shou d be carried out in consu tation with workers (inc uding contractors and subcontractors) who may be affected by the operation of the SWMS and their hea th and safety representatives who represented that work group at the workp ace.
When a SWMS has been revised, the person conducting a business or undertaking must ensure a :
• persons invo ved with the high risk construction work are advised that a revision has been made and how they can access the revised SWMS (for a construction project, the principa contractor shou d be given a copy of the revised SWMS);
• persons who wi need to change a work procedure or system as a resu t of the review are advised of the changes in a way that wi enab e them to imp ement their duties consistent y with the revised SWMS; and,
• workers that wi be invo ved in the high risk construction work are provided with the re evant information and instruction that wi assist them to understand and imp ement the revised SWMS.

WORK OF A MINOR NATURE
Work of a minor nature is not c assified as construction work and therefore there is no requirement to prepare a SWMS or for a worker to ho d a genera construction induction training (white) card.

Work of a minor nature is genera y ow risk. However, work of a minor nature may sti be hazardous and must be carried out in fu comp iance with a app icab e provisions of the work hea th and safety egis ation. The Work Hea th and Safety Regu ation 2011 describes the egis ative responsibi ities on SWMS and the Work Hea th and Safety (Construction Work Code of Practice) Approva 2014 provides further information and examp es of work of a minor nature, as we as information on SWMS and worker induction.

Further action

Further action required? *

- ( ) **Yes**
- (•) **No**

Previous notice/s issued?

- ( ) **Yes**
- (•) **No**

Finalisation details

Photos

Other attachments (documents)

WPV for asbestos re ated issue *

( ) **Yes** (•) **No**

Industry group *

Construction

Comp iant at initia proactive inspection? *

( ) **Yes** (•) **No**

Time finished *

10:00

Disc aimer:

The issues identified during this Inspection are on y indicative of comp iance with the Work Hea th and Safety Act 2011, Work Hea th and Safety Regu ation 2011, Dangerous Substance Act 2004 and Workers Compensation Act 1951 on the date of the Inspection. If comp iance is identified during this Inspection, it does not remove the ob igation of any person to comp y with any further requirement of the above mentioned Acts and Regu ations.

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OFFICIAL

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ACTPG and MPC are still working on the last two answers, Minister Berry's office has asked us to send the answers we have available now so they can send them to the journalist asap today. We will continue working on the last two answers and will send them through when they are ready.

This has been approved by Liz Clarke, Daniel Bailey and Adrian Piani (MPC).

Thanks

Amy

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Thanks Yuka!

@Bailey, Daniel – can you please approve the below with changes from Liz added.

Thanks

Amy

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Put it back in and crossed out and highlighted – under question 6.

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Sorry Liz, where is that?

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Hi Amy – I suggest the removal of (the demolition example).
thanks liz.

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Thanks Tania! I have added some answers to the last two questions.

@Pirani, Yuka – the last two questions need to be answered by ACTPG, I have had a go at drafting some below, can you please confirm if these answers are correct? If they're not please advise an alternative response.

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DRAFT RESPONSE:

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What was the scope of the 2019 pool repairs?

- The 50-metre pool at the Gungahlin Leisure Centre was closed for routine maintenance from 1 July 2019 to 26 August 2019.
- The pool was drained to complete these works and the south concourse wall was also re-tiled at the same time due to tiles falling off the south concourse.

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- The full extent of the tiling issue only became apparent whilst the Gungahlin Leisure Centre was closed under COVID-19 restrictions in 2020.

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As discussed, drafted by Adrian, and reviewed by Michael Whitehouse MPC internal safety lead.
Thanks
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Hey!

FYI – I'd say Adrian will need to approve this too.

Thanks

Amy

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Thank you

Regards

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Any questions, please let me know.

Regards,

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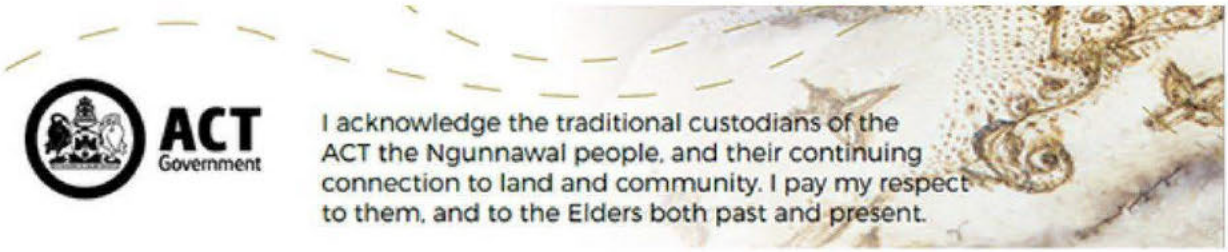

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The Minister nor his office were made aware of the complaint that initiated a workplace inspection by WorkSafe ACT. It was not required. *(need to check this with the mins office)*

2. **What did the inspection find?**

The inspection revealed that the work being undertaken at the time did not involve work that was generating silica dust or building dust generally. The work being undertaken was reinstalling the tiles and applying a silicon based sealant.

3. **Were any workers found to be exposed to silica dust?**

This was undetermined and no evidence of exposure was present at the time of the inspection. Previous work where dust may have been generated as part of the scope of works had already been undertaken and was not observed by the WorkSafe inspector.

4. **Does the Minister have any concerns about silica dust as work gets underway on repairs to the pool?**

The Minister has concerns generally across all workplaces and industries in the ACT relating to silicosis. *(need to check if the mins office was aware of this complaint)*

Regards

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Subject: FW: MEDIA ENQUIRY: Canberra Times - Silica dust at Gungahlin pool
Importance: High

OFFICIAL

Hi Lucy,

Thanks for the quick chat just now. As mentioned over the phone, Worksafe ACT will be responding directly to you on the first four questions. Leanne (copied) will send the answers to you. I will get the answers to the last ones for you.

@MacLaughlan, Leanne – Lucy has quite a strict deadline today, she's hoping to have the answers by this afternoon for the print newspaper.

Thanks

Amy

ENQUIRY:

These are based on some freedom of information documents, among the revelations was that WorkSafe inspectors were called to inspect the pool over concerns of silica dust. Of most interest is the findings of this inspection as it's not exactly clear from the documents.

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8. **In 2019, 420 tiles were identified as "drummy". Does this mean the government could have foreseen the issue before the pool closed last year in June?**

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Hi Deb
I am actioning this in Liz's absence. Given the urgency I have copied Conor and Adrian in this email.

Please see draft response prepared by CMTEDD Comms below, prepared based on the information supplied yesterday.
Can MPC be able to confirm who is responsible for WHS on site – is it Kynetic, MPC or ACTPG?
Please also confirm that the information is still current.

I have also attached another media enquiry. If MPC could also confirm the accuracy, that would be appreciated.

Regards,
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OFFICIAL

Hi Liz,

We received another enquiry from The RiotACT about Gungahlin Pool and silica dust. I used yesterdays responses to draft the below response. Can you please review and approve this?

@Pedley, Amy – can you please check the summary I drafted about what WorkSafe does and confirm its correct?

Thanks!

Amy

ENQUIRY AND DRAFT RESPONSE:

Is the Minister passing the buck? Where does the ultimate responsibility for the pool lie? What processes are put in place to ensure that all workers as well as people who use the pool are safe?

- The ACT Government is responsible for managing the contracts for all ACT Government pools including the Gungahlin Leisure Centre.
- Worksafe ACT is responsible for ensuring the safety of workers and compliance of workplaces in line with ACT work, health and safety related legislation in the ACT.
- The ACT Government is working with Kynetic to develop a safety management plan for when works begin to repair the 50 metre pool.
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OFFICIAL

Hi Liz,

WIN News has asked for a statement from the Minister about Gungahlin Pool and silica dust. See the draft statement below for your approval. I have also used the answers from yesterday to draft this statement.

DRAFT STATEMENT:

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Hey Jacquie – pls see below.
Ta
Amy

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Subject: FW: media inquiry gungahlin pool/City News

Hey Ana
This came full circle to us, here's a response on the dust question similar to yesterday.
The Q on the FOI being redacted is ridiculous, I suggest we don't engage with it. You could tell the journo on background that the FOI process is carried out by the FOI team in line with legislation.
Happy to chat

- Is the Minister concerned over fears that workers suspected dangerous silica dust when trying to fix the Gungahlin pool last year or did the government always know the pool carried no dangerous substances?

Attributable to an ACT Government spokesperson

Minister Gentleman would like to ensure all ACT workplaces and industries have silicosis management plans in place to protect workers.
Worksafe ACT inspectors did not find remediation work at Gugahlin Pool was generating silica dust, however silica dust exposure is a concern across the construction industry. The ACT Government is taking this issue seriously and we have committed to introducing regulations under the legislation to protect tradespeople from silica dust. The WHS Council has a dedicated silica subcommittee, which the Minister has tasked investigating mandatory silica training similar to programs already in place for asbestos awareness training.

Thanks,
James

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Cheers,
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Another media enquiry below, can you please send a response through by 3pm?

Thanks

Amy

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Subject: Media inquiry Gungahlin Pool and silica dust

Hey Amy,

We've had another inquiry re Gungahlin Pool and silica dust.

Could we get a statement saying that based on the expert advice of WorkSafe there is no issue about safety of workers exposed to silica dust? And something about the safety measures we are putting in place for workers and people who use the pool.

Below are the questions the journo asked:

Is the Minister passing the buck? Where does the ultimate responsibility for the pool lie? What processes are put in place to ensure that all workers as well as people who use the pool are safe?

Journo is Dom Giannini from RiotAct – will get back to you once he gives me his deadline for this.

Cheers,

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Good to go...and thanks

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OFFICIAL

Hi Shaun,

Two media enquiries regarding Gungahlin pool. Please find below:

Approved by Daniel Bailey

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Brilliant – thank you!

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OFFICIAL

Another one ☹
Hey just checking do you still need answers to the other two questions from yesterday considering the story is written and published? I'll chase if yes.
Thanks
Tania

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One proposed change as below requested by Liz.

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OFFICIAL

Hi all,

I have made some small changes to the below response, does this sound ok? I have re-added the reference to ACT Govt managing the pool contracts and removed the reference to WorkSafe ACT, on second look I think we don't need to mention WorkSafe unless they are talking about the inspections they have done previously.

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Thanks Amy – happy with Adrian's wording below.
Can you please update WIN News response with below 😊
Regards liz.

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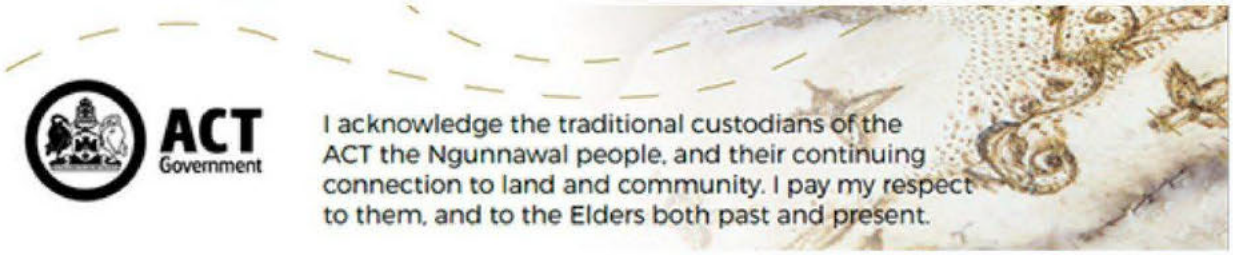

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Thanks Jacquie,

Approved.

Regards
Daniel

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OFFICIAL

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Approved by ACTPG

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Hi Amy, yes please - we'd like to send through to update the online story

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Subject: RE: Media Inquiry (Canberra Times): Silica dust at Gungahlin pool

OFFICIAL

Hi Ana,
Do you think the journo will still want the responses to the last two questions?
Thanks
Amy

From: CMTEDDMedia <CMTEDDMedia@act.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 22 March 2021 5:30 PM
To: Vujanic, Ana <Ana.Vujanic@act.gov.au>; CMTEDDMedia <CMTEDDMedia@act.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Media Inquiry (Canberra Times): Silica dust at Gungahlin pool

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Hi Ana,
See the approved response below from CMTEDD and MPC, as mentioned earlier, we are still working on the response to the last two questions. We'll have them ready tomorrow for you.
Thanks
Amy

DRAFT RESPONSE:

What safety management plans are in place to protect workers from silica dust?

A safety management plan is currently being developed for works at the site. This incorporates expertise from an Occupational Hygienist who will provide expert advice on management and monitoring requirements for the safety of workers as well as visitors to the Gungahlin Leisure Centre.

What is being done during the next round of repairs to ensure workers will be

The safety management plan will incorporate the actions that need to be undertaken to manage the safety of workers on the site, as well as members of the public who attend the Gungahlin Leisure Centre whilst works are underway. This will include ongoing monitoring within the Gungahlin Leisure Centre, and controls whilst work is undertaken. Actions that will be considered are expected to include:

- Installation of a barrier between the construction site and the rest of the facility to decrease the ability of dust and noise to impact ongoing operations
- Dust suppression activities
- Ongoing monitoring of silica dust within the Gungahlin Leisure Centre
- Use of positive/negative air pressures within the Gungahlin Leisure Centre to promote the movement of dust away from the publicly open area.

END

From: Vujanic, Ana <Ana.Vujanic@act.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 22 March 2021 9:27 AM
To: CMTEDDMedia <CMTEDDMedia@act.gov.au>
Subject: Media Inquiry (Canberra Times): Silica dust at Gungahlin pool
Importance: High

Hi there,
I'm the acting media adviser for Minister Berry this week – we've had some questions come through about the Gungahlin pool and remediation works that took place in 2019.
Please send through by 3:30 today.

If you think it might be hard to get an answer by that time, please email me or call me 😊
Below is the inquiry:
These are based on some freedom of information documents, among the revelations was that WorkSafe inspectors were called to inspect the pool over concerns of silica dust. Of most interest is the findings of this inspection as it's not exactly clear from the documents.
Was the Minister aware that WorkSafe inspectors were called to the Gungahlin Pool in 2019, during remediation works, after concerns about silica dust?
What did the inspection find?
Were any workers found to be exposed to silica dust?
Does the Minister have any concerns about silica dust as work gets underway on repairs to the pool?
What safety management plans are in place to protect workers from silica dust?
What is being done during the next round of repairs to ensure workers will be
What was the scope of the 2019 pool repairs?
In 2019, 420 tiles were identified as "drummy". Does this mean the government could have foreseen the issue before the pool closed last year in June?
Cheers,
Ana
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From:"Vujanic, Ana" <Ana.Vujanic@act.gov.au>
Sent:23/03/2021 1:08 AM
To:"Linnane, Amy" <Amy.Linnane@act.gov.au>
Subject:RE: Talking points re Gungahlin Pool

Sorry Amy – we can't.

The interview with Dom is about women in leadership, but we're trying to be prepared about Gungahlin Pool because we think he'll ask about it.

I'll try organise what I can about this issue in anticipation of Dom's questioning, but if you can send through as much as you can today that'd be great.

The planned media briefing sounds great too – something on the cards but we're just trying to make sure we're prepared today in case Dom tries to get extra questions in about the pool.

Cheers,

Ana

From: Linnane, Amy <Amy.Linnane@act.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 23 March 2021 12:03 PM
To: Vujanic, Ana <Ana.Vujanic@act.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Talking points re Gungahlin Pool

OFFICIAL

Hi Ana,

Is there any chance we can push this off? I would like to get all media together at this media briefing I want to organise at the end of the week. We can address the Silica dust questions there.

Thanks

Amy

From: Vujanic, Ana <Ana.Vujanic@act.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 23 March 2021 11:50 AM
To: Linnane, Amy <Amy.Linnane@act.gov.au>
Cc: CMTEDDMedia <CMTEDDMedia@act.gov.au>
Subject: Talking points re Gungahlin Pool
Importance: High

Hey again,

Minister Berry is having an interview with Dominic from RiotAct today, and we anticipate he'll also raise Gungahlin Pool and silica dust with her.

In preparation, could we get all dot point/responses put together so the Minister has them at hand?

The interview is this afternoon at 1:45 so please if we could get talking points sent asap, that'd be appreciated.

Cheers,

Ana

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Cc:"CMTEDDMedia" <CMTEDDMedia@act.gov.au>
Subject:RE: Urgent media inquiry re Gungahlin Pool

Hi Amy,

WIN News reached out for comment, and we initially said no as it's a WorkSafe issue. That's what we want to stress and that there is no evidence to show any workers have been exposed to silica dust.

The story, I believe, is the same as the Canberra Times inquiry yesterday – looking at whether there is silica dust at Gungahlin Pool.

I imagine a short statement – two to three lines clarifying this is a WorkSafe issue and there is no evidence to show any workers have been exposed to silica dust.

Cheers,

Ana

From: Linnane, Amy <Amy.Linnane@act.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 23 March 2021 10:28 AM
To: Vujanic, Ana <Ana.Vujanic@act.gov.au>
Cc: CMTEDDMedia <CMTEDDMedia@act.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Urgent media inquiry re Gungahlin Pool

OFFICIAL

Hi Ana,

Do you know what in particular the story is about? And what do you need the statement to say?

Thanks

Amy

From: Vujanic, Ana <Ana.Vujanic@act.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 23 March 2021 10:18 AM
To: Linnane, Amy <Amy.Linnane@act.gov.au>
Subject: Urgent media inquiry re Gungahlin Pool
Importance: High

Morning Amy,

WIN News are doing a story today about Gungahlin Pool and silica dust.

Can we have a short statement on this for Minister Berry? Something for WIN's TV news story?

Deadline is midday. Please let me know if you will be able to meet this deadline.

Give me a buzz if you've got any questions.

Cheers,

Ana

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Sent:23/03/2021 3:07 AM
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Cc:"Navarro, Tania" <Tania.Navarro@act.gov.au>;"Clarke, Liz" <Liz.Clarke@act.gov.au>
Subject:RE: URGENT: RE: media inquiry gungahlin pool/City News

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Hi both

Can you please make sure that Tania is copied into all media/comms requests to MPC?

She will be playing a key coordination role with ACT PG and within MPC and it is very important she is across all the requests.

Regards
Adrian

From: Peereboom, Deborah <Deborah.Peereboom@act.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 23 March 2021 1:44 PM
To: Piani, Adrian <Adrian.Piani@act.gov.au>
Cc: Pirani, Yuka <Yuka.Pirani@act.gov.au>; McNamara, Conor <Conor.McNamara@act.gov.au>
Subject: FW: URGENT: RE: media inquiry gungahlin pool/City News

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FW: URGENT: RE: media inquiry gungahlin pool/City News

Hi Adrian,
And more urgent media enquiries below.
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Sent: Tuesday, 23 March 2021 1:41 PM
To: Peereboom, Deborah <Deborah.Peereboom@act.gov.au>
Subject: URGENT: RE: media inquiry gungahlin pool/City News

OFFICIAL

Hi Deb

ACTPG does not have relevant information to be able to respond below.
Appreciate if MPC could send the draft response.

Regards,
Yuka

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Sent: Tuesday, 23 March 2021 1:18 PM
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Subject: Fwd: media inquiry gungahlin pool/City News

Hi all,

Another media enquiry below, can you please send a response through by 3pm?

Thanks

Amy

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From: Vujanic, Ana <Ana.Vujanic@act.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 1:08 pm
To: Linnane, Amy
Cc: CMTEDDMedia
Subject: media inquiry gungahlin pool/City News
Hey Amy,
Another media inquiry re Gungahlin Pool. This one is from CityNews – deadline is 4pm on this one.
can you retrieve a couple of answers to questions on inspections on the Gungahlin pool from Workplace ACT and the ensuing report from a FOI request.

- Is the Minister concerned over fears that workers suspected dangerous silica dust when trying to fix the Gungahlin pool last year or did the government always know the pool carried no dangerous substances?
- What conclusion does the Minister have for the reports, from the FOI documents, being "redacted" - was there any censorship of suggested sensitive information?

Cheers,
Ana

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