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Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004

NOTICE OF ORDER APPROVING THE MANAGING EXPOSURE TO CRYSTALLINE SILICA: ENGINEERED STONE COMPLIANCE CODE

I, Jill Hennessy, Minister for Workplace Safety, as Minister administering the **Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004** (OHS Act), give notice of the following:

Under section 7(1)(b)(ii) of the OHS Act, it is within the power of the Victorian WorkCover Authority (VWA) to recommend that I propose the approval of compliance codes. Compliance codes provide practical guidance to persons who have duties or obligations under the OHS Act or the Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2017. Under section 149(1) of the OHS Act, I may make an order approving a compliance code.

The VWA has recommended making of the **Managing exposure to crystalline silica: Engineered stone compliance code**.

In accordance with section 7(4), I consider that it is in the public interest that the compliance code be made as soon as possible. The compliance code will meet an urgent need for tailored practical guidance in relation to the prohibition on uncontrolled dry cutting that was introduced in August 2019 under Part 4.5 of the Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2017.

Section 149(5) of the OHS Act requires that, as soon as practicable after making an order approving a compliance code, I must ensure that notice of the making is published in the Government Gazette and a newspaper circulating generally throughout the State.

Notice is hereby given that I have made an order approving the **Managing exposure to crystalline silica: Engineered stone compliance code**.

This Order comes into operation on the day on which this notice is published in the Government Gazette.

Copies of the **Managing exposure to crystalline silica: Engineered stone compliance code** and each document applied, adopted or incorporated by the **Managing exposure to crystalline silica: Engineered stone compliance code** will be available for inspection by members of the public, without charge, at the head office of the Victorian WorkCover Authority at 1 Malop Street, Geelong, during normal business hours.

HON. JILL HENNESSY MP
Minister for Workplace Safety

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