From: TRC Communications

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To: RWH Staff

Subject: Friable Asbestos Incident Update - 2 February, 2022

Good afternoon,

In mid-December there was a friable asbestos incident in Ray Walsh House which resulted in staff being relocated from the premises and specialist contractors being engaged to undertake remediation works.

The works were completed just days before our Christmas shutdown and staff were told they could return to the building. We also announced our plan to hold information sessions for RWH staff to ensure they had a complete and accurate understanding of what occurred, the subsequent remediation works which took place and our plans for ongoing management of asbestos at RWH.

Unfortunately those sessions were put on hold due to the current COVID-19 health measures (which mean, where possible, we are all working from home). Now, in the interests of moving forward three Zoom meetings have been organised for next week.

Later today all RWH workers will be invited to attend a session designed specifically for their workplace. There will also be an agenda for the meeting which is expected to take one hour.

It is **mandatory** for all RWH staff to either attend a session on the set date and time or view a recording of the session (before the end of February). Staff who are not based at RWH will also be able to join one of the information sessions or view a recorded one if they wish.

You are reminded a range of resources about the incident is available on MILO. To find it, click on the blue 'Friable Asbestos Incident' button on the home page.

In the meantime, I am pleased to be able to let you know that SafeWork NSW has now formally advised TRC that both our initial response to the incident and the remediation work has been appropriate and satisfactory.

Thank you all for your patience and understanding as we continue to respond to this incident which understandably has triggered significant concerns for some staff. We are supporting a number of staff with specific concerns. Anyone who needs assistance is encouraged to contact our Coordinator Employee Health and Wellbeing, Margaret Noonan on x5472.

We hope you find the Zoom sessions informative. We are fortunate to have independent specialist Juliet Duffy, Managing Director of EnviroScience, to lead each session. She has extensive experience in asbestos management.

Regards, Jason

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