

October 12, 2005

The Secretary  
Senate Community Affairs References Committee  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Rosemary Mitchell and I am writing on behalf of my husband Leonard Roy Mitchell.

- He was employed by Nylex in Mentone, using chemicals and fibreglass. The fibreglass made his skin very red and itchy and also affected his breathing. There were no personal protective clothing, masks or goggles provided and part of the job function, together with other employees, was to clear the machines as required. These machines produced fibreglass and vinyl.
- In April 1999 Leonard was diagnosed with Non Hodgkins Lymphoma. After months of chemotherapy he is currently in remission.
- As we are aged pensioners we have not had to pay many of the treatment costs involved but Leonard's condition has restricted our lifestyle.
- Fellow employees of Nylex who worked with Leonard were Mr. Angelo Biviano and Mr. Vincent Adornetto (deceased)

Yours Faithfully,



Rosemary Mitchell