

October 12, 2005

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



Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Josephine Fitzgerald and I wish to tender this submission to the the Senate inquiry into WORKPLACE EXPOSURE TO TOXIC DUST. I am making this request as representative for my late fathers interests on behalf of my mother and siblings.

- Vincent Adornetto (deceased)
- Deceased 19/01/2002 after many years of ill health. Lung cancer diagnosed in June 2000.
- Nylex Corporation employed Mr. Adornetto as a machine operator from 1966 to 1990 when he took early retirement due to poor health. During his employment he regularly suffered from extreme itching due to exposure to the fibreglass lining in the ovens when he was required to enter the baking chamber to clean them without any protective equipment. There was no provision made for protective clothing, masks or goggles by the employer. He also spoke of breathing difficulties at work due to the fumes given off during some of the manufacturing processes.
- Retired from work due to poor health in 1990. The sudden loss of income and reliance on a pension reduced the family lifestyle and poor health further restricted activity
- Fellow employees of Nylex who worked with Mr. Adornetto were Mr. Angelo Biviano and Mr. Leonard Mitchell, both of whom have been diagnosed with cancer.

Yours Faithfully,

Josephine Fitzgerald