

## Silica Dust Concerns

### **Mr GARLAND question to MINISTER for HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH and WELLBEING**

In recent weeks, I've been contacted by several constituents who live or work in the Wynyard region, who've shared their concerns regarding potential exposure to respirable crystalline silica dust. Can you please advise the public of what testing is being conducted to assess whether or not there is a health risk to residents and workers in Wynyard? If testing has been done, can the minister make this information available to the public? If no testing is being performed, will the minister liaise with the relevant authorities to ensure that these assessments are carried out immediately? The Wynyard community are also seeking an immediate update from public health authorities on whether or not there is a safety risk.