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Mr Craig Garland MP
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Dear Mr Garland

Thank you for your constituency question on behalf of community members in Wynyard about the monitoring and investigations of respirable crystalline silica dust.

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) undertakes regulatory monitoring of Tasmanian Advanced Minerals (TAM) emissions, including respirable crystalline silica, through review of required emissions data.

TAM emissions are regulated against a 10 mg/m³ in stack limit, with compliance confirmed through both monitoring and modelling. Investigations into recent community reports found no evidence of exceedances, with visible emissions likely attributable to water vapour.

The EPA is continuing to investigate concerns regarding dust deposition in the local area. Additional monitoring measures, such as the installation of dust deposition gauges, are being considered to better capture background dust levels in Wynyard.

Both the EPA and WorkSafe Tasmania will continue coordinated compliance and monitoring activities to ensure environmental and health risks are appropriately managed.

The EPA is currently investigating options to install dust deposition gauges in the Wynyard area to better understand background dust levels.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Ogilvie".

Hon. Madeleine Ogilvie MP
Minister for Environment