

SAFETY ALERT



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ASBESTOS IMPORTS

When workers onsite at the Perth New Children's Hospital received the CFMEU NATIONAL SAFETY ALERT *Yuanda Klingerit 200* (July 2016) they checked their site for similar products. They didn't find any of the product but they did have suspicions about another material, so they demanded it be tested and the results also came back positive for containing asbestos.

The product they were concerned about was called *Autoclaved Cellulose Fibre Cement Flat Sheet* (pictured below). Certificates provided stated that the product was asbestos free.



The asbestos was present in compressed fibre board located between aluminium and fibreglass insulation



Workers had already installed the product and had to cut and grind the sheets in places without any protective equipment and potentially exposing hundreds of others.



A sample of the compressed fibre board

WARNING

Other countries still mine and manufacture asbestos so we need to remain vigilant when using imported building products.

Do not rely on certification from the supplier which states the product is asbestos free.

If you have any concerns that products may contain asbestos contact the CFMEU.

These dodgy products have been discovered by union members where everyone else has failed.

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