Changes to reporting of CWP cases in Queensland

MEDIA FACT SHEET

Since coal workers’ pneumoconiosis (CWP) was re-identified in Queensland in May 2015, the Department of Natural Resources and Mines (DNRM) has published the number of confirmed cases.

A ‘confirmed CWP case’ is where a positive identification of disease has been notified to DNRM.

In response to the recommendations by the independent ‘Monash Review’ all mine dust lung diseases (MDLD) will now be monitored and reported by DNRM.

This group of occupational MDLDs includes conditions such as CWP, silicosis, chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases and asbestosis.

The monitoring and reporting of MDLD cases will ensure the extent of occupational lung disease prevalence is accurately understood across the coal, minerals and quarrying industries. It will also assist in determining effective prevention and early detection measures to protect worker health.

DNRM is working closely with the Queensland Office of Industrial Relations and other stakeholders to ensure accurate and timely information capture.

More information

For more information on mine dust lung disease, visit:

For more information about DNRM’s response to the Monash Review visit: