



Safe Locations

MEAA was recently contacted by a crew member concerned about safety on a proposed location for the production *A Single Rider*. The concern was raised after a pile of suspected asbestos was found in the front yard of the location.

MEAA immediately contacted the producer outlining our concerns and requested that testing be promptly undertaken.

The production acted swiftly to this request and had the pile safely removed and the site tested, much to the relief of crew members.

Similarly last year, MEAA was contacted by crew working at a location for the production *Cleverman* after the site contained a high level of dust. A number of crew members suffer from asthma.

MEAA raised these concerns with the producers of *Cleverman* rejected any obligation to have the air tested and refused to take steps to eliminate, avoid or control alleged unsafe substances.

In light of this, MEAA turned to Workcover to investigate the issue.

Workcover were not able to investigate until the production wrapped. When they did investigate, there was no formal complaint found to be made by the crew, furthermore, personal protective equipment (dust masks) were provided to crew members.

Workcover did stipulate that the producers need to provide air monitoring testing if they ever go back to that location.

It is important that if crew are made aware of an unsafe work environment on recce they should raise concerns with the production and/or MEAA as soon as possible.

If you are concerned about safety at work, please contact MEAA Member Central: 1300 656 513 or contact Gerard Brown Gerard.Brown@meaa.org

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