

## Safe Work Australia consultation on the prohibition on the use of engineered stone



Safe Work Australia (SWA) is an Australia government statutory agency which develops national policies that aim to improve the work health and safety conditions across the nation. In April 2023, SWA consulted on a proposal to prohibit the use of engineered stone. Our submission included the following key points:

- Preventing exposure to silica dust from engineered stone products is the most effective way to prevent lung cancer, silicosis, and other silica-related diseases in the Australian engineered stone industry
- Eliminating the use of engineered stone is a practical and effective solution
- Cancer Council supports a total ban of engineered stone in July 2024, irrespective of its crystalline silica content
- Whilst engineering controls such as mandatory wet cutting and on-tool dust extraction would also save lives, a complete ban of engineered stone is clearly the most effective intervention.

Information about the progress of this consultation can be found on the consultation page on the SWA website: [Engineered stone](#)