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**Government response to the NSW Ombudsman's report:  
*'Responding to the asbestos problem: the need for  
significant reform in NSW' – November 2010***

*"I welcome the government's positive response to my report. It is clear that serious consideration has been given to the significant issue of asbestos in our community and the government's proposals are a good first step to meet the challenge of dealing effectively with the management of asbestos"* said Bruce Barbour, NSW Ombudsman.

The government has supported the findings in the report and in large part has agreed to the recommendations made. Of the recommendations not accepted, the government has put forward alternative measures and will establish a new Heads of Asbestos Coordination Authorities (HACA) to coordinate the issues identified in the report.

Mr Barbour said *"We will continue to monitor this important issue and the work of the new coordination body to ensure effective and comprehensive reform is undertaken."*

(To view a copy of our 2010 report, click on this link: [Responding to the asbestos problem: The need for significant reform in NSW](#))