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## Asbestos Awareness Month

This month is Asbestos Awareness Month which aims to educate as many Australians as possible about the impact of asbestos and how it can best be managed.

As part of National Asbestos Awareness Month, 'Betty - The ADRI House' will tour Tasmania visiting 28 communities from 29 October until 25 November.

'Betty' is a purpose built, mobile model home designed to demonstrate to builders and renovators where asbestos can be found in the home.

'Betty' also aims to educate builders and homeowners about the management of asbestos when undertaking building or renovation works.

Earlier this year I launched an Asbestos Awareness and Education Campaign, increasing awareness and understanding of asbestos among Do-It-Yourself (DIY) home renovators. The campaign ran on TV, billboards, radio and print media and had a positive impact in raising awareness of the management of asbestos in the community.

The campaign was developed by WorkSafe Tasmania in conjunction with the federal Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency. Information on asbestos safety and management is available at the WorkSafe Tasmania website [www.worksafe.tas.gov.au](http://www.worksafe.tas.gov.au)

I encourage Tasmanians to get involved in Asbestos Awareness Month, visit Betty the Bus or host a 'Blue Lamington Drive' to raise awareness of asbestos in the home and raise funds for the Asbestos Disease Research Institute and Support Groups.

For further information on Asbestos Awareness Month, including an itinerary for 'Betty', visit: [www.asbestosawareness.com.au](http://www.asbestosawareness.com.au)