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Hi Louisa

Please see below regarding our response to the Australian Engineered Stone Advisory Group's application for authorisation:

- More clarification required around the correlation between Worksafe WA and AESAG in regard to who will be the governing body for OH & S practices for businesses trading as stonemasons. Will they be separate entities, or will they be working together to ensure safe practices and establish guidelines?
- As a stonemasonry business, there needs to be more understanding of why we would be required to pay any fees to join / maintain membership to AESAG, since fees and payments are already regularly being made from our part for related insurances and changes within the workplace to comply with and over deliver on the required OH+S standards from a Worksafe perspective.
- Is the establishment of AESAG in the best interest of stonemasonry businesses or more targeted towards protecting certain suppliers of engineered stone? More explanation is required around this in a climate where, as a small stonemasonry business, we are already improving operations by working with several relevant bodies to achieve OH + S compliance. Is throwing another company into the mix fair to us and altogether necessary?
- In regard to competition, there are several other major stone suppliers who are not on the board of AESAG. If we make the decision not to join AESAG and it becomes apparent that we then cannot purchase material from these suppliers, this will then create unfair consumer competition within the market and will also render us an unviable option for a high proportion of clients who have specified and wish to use these materials.

Please do not hesitate to contact me regarding any further queries.

Kind regards

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