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REMEDIATED BLOCKS OF LAND TO BE SOLD IN HOLBROOK

Two remediated blocks of land will be sold in Holbrook under the loose-fill asbestos insulation program, Member for Albury Greg Aplin said.

Mr Aplin said the program had tested 1,614 properties in the Greater Hume Shire Local Government Area, and identified 38 as containing loose-fill asbestos insulation.

The government has offered property owners two options for the removal of the dangerous product – the first option allowed the homeowner to sell their entire property to the government at market price, while the second option saw the government pay for and remove the affected dwelling from the property while the owner kept the land to rebuild on.

“We have prioritised the returning of land to those property owners wishing to rebuild in Greater Hume Shire, and so far we have seen 10 properties returned to their owners,” Mr Aplin said.

“However, this is the first release of land in Holbrook where the government had purchased both house and land.

“The \$278 million program is identifying properties that contain loose-fill asbestos and removing this danger from the community. At the same time, we are safeguarding the biggest investment most of us will make in our lifetime – the family home.”

The managing agent selling the properties is Elders Real Estate. The properties, which will be auctioned on 16 March 2018, are located at:

- 16 Spurr Street, Holbrook; and,
- 48 Wilson Street, Holbrook.

Mr Aplin said the NSW Government had identified 142 properties across the state which contain loose-fill asbestos insulation in areas located from Albury to Tamworth.

“Public safety is our number one priority, and that’s why we are doing everything we can to protect homeowners, and the broader community,” Mr Aplin said.

The Loose-fill Asbestos Implementation Taskforce has tested more than 61,000 properties for loose-fill asbestos insulation across NSW.

For more information about the program, visit www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au

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