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Dear Sir or Madame,

As a fabricator, we write with concern regarding the extreme proposal to ban engineered stone entirely.

We regard this as excessive as we fully believe the main cause of the issue has been widely used poor fabrication practices, and that a licensing scheme well addresses this.

The worst air quality test result obtained in our factory is 1 fifth of the Australian Standard, and this was last year working with high silica material!

Our testing is always done by a qualified hygienist ().

Reducing the silica content in material to less than 40% obviously reduces the silica in the air even further!

This confirms that engineered stone can be safely worked with, and it would be imbalanced to ban it entirely considering the many other materials that contain silica.

Further, we are also concerned that banning engineered stone will result in more natural stone being used which will lead to increased injuries and deaths due to natural stone being fragile and much heavier than engineered stone.

Kind regards,

