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Slater & Gordon welcomes court decision against CSR demerger

Slater & Gordon, Australia's largest asbestos litigation law firm, has today welcomed the Federal Court's decision to reject CSR's application to demerge.

Slater & Gordon asbestos law specialist Stephen Plunkett said the court's decision was a win for "common sense".

One of the Slater & Gordon's greatest asbestos legal battles was waged against CSR in relation to their involvement with the Wittenoom asbestos mine in Western Australia.

"Today's decision signals that the court and the government are prepared to protect the rights of current and future asbestos victims," he said.

"The decision is to be commended both legally and morally."

"The availability and security of funding for asbestos victims is of paramount importance now and into the future as the number of cases of asbestos related diseases continues to increase in Australia."

Slater & Gordon conducted the first successful common law asbestos litigation case in 1984 and created many precedents and has acted for thousands of people exposed to and diagnosed with an asbestos related disease.

Established 75 years ago, Slater & Gordon has built a powerful reputation as a law firm which fights for the best outcomes for everyday Australians. Today Slater & Gordon offers its broad range of legal services at more locations than any other law firm in the country, delivering affordable legal advice and justice to more Australians.

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