

If the owner intends to sell, lease or demolish the building within the compliance period, then the owner must comply with the legislation (by obtaining the report etc.) before the building is offered for sale or lease, or dismantled or demolished.

Failure to comply with these requirements is an offence with a maximum penalty of 40 penalty units (up to \$15,000 for corporations). However, failing to undertake required precautions about asbestos in the workplace is likely to constitute a breach of the general duty under the *Workplace Health and Safety Act*, making employers, persons in control of workplaces and other obligation holders under the Act liable for penalties up to \$300,000 for breaches of the general duty.

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## **TASMANIA**

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### **Mineral Resources Inquiry Into Industrial Waste Disposal**

The Tasmanian Government has announced a statewide response to ground water contamination occurring as a result of industrial waste disposal. The State Government will work collaboratively with local governments to develop an action plan for addressing these issues. Mineral Resources Tasmania is conducting an investigation, with a report due out in November this year.

## **Wanted: State Editor for Tasmania**

### COMMITMENT:

- Preparation of updates for NELR four times per year
- Provision of case notes/articles if possible

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