

Mr. Damien English

Minister for Housing and Urban Development

Customs House

Dublin

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Dear Minister English

Mica Action Group (MAG) convened a meeting last night and the group wishes me to reiterate our invitation to you to come to Donegal in the coming weeks to launch the publication of Recommendations 1 and 2 which we believe is now ready to go to public consultation. Indeed, when you visited the group in December 2017 you gave us a promise that you would return to Donegal in May 2018 with an update. I would ask, in the interests of political integrity that you keep this promise to the MAG committee and its 700 registered members. You stated at the meeting in December 2017 Minister that you would be 'working in parallel' with the NSAI in drafting these recommendations, in sourcing funding for a redress scheme by identifying liable stakeholders. We now wish to know what progress you have made in this regard? Have stakeholders been identified and has a commitment been made by the government to release/ring fence the funding required? When will a redress scheme be formally announced and when will work begin to rebuild/repair homes in Donegal? As you are aware the mica issue does not lend itself to prevarication.

I look forward to hearing from you at your very earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely

Ann Owens

Chairperson – MAG

CC: Minister Eoghan Murphy, Minister Joe McHugh, Senator Pdraig McLochlainn, Mr. Pat the Cope Gallagher, Mr. Charlie McConalogue, Mr. Thomas Pringle, Mr. Pearse Doherty, 700 MAG registered members