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The Editor
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Dear Sir

After asbestos was found at a demolition site in McMinn St, a licensed asbestos removalist was called to contain and safely dispose of the hazardous material (Asbestos found at work site, NT News, April 7). The report notes that if the asbestos had been taken to the dump “hundreds of Darwin people could have been inadvertently exposed to a major health risk”. The builder was not named. Meanwhile, kids play on the slopes of “Ludmilla Heights”, a stockpile of rubble from construction sites that is known to contain asbestos (“Asbestos danger at Darwin dump”, NT News March 6).

On the gate of this Dick Ward drive dump there is a notice giving Halikos and Planit Consulting as the contact companies. Since 2006 this rubble has been dumped from heavy vehicles that accessed the site through the Minmarama community, there being no separate access road. Furthermore, there is evidence of crushing and sorting of rubble on the stockpile – all dust creating activities of unknown danger to surrounding residents.

Newspaper columns have been written, letters published, lives are in danger, but the eyesore remains and nothing is done, apart from an application for an “exceptional development permit”, yet to be decided.

Yours sincerely

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