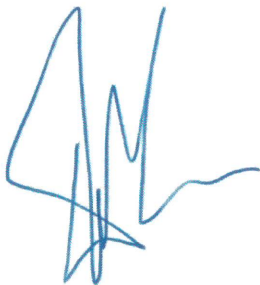


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To whom it may concern

Having worked with Mark Bramwell from Bramco Granite and Marble for about 6 months I can attest to his focus on the health and safety of his operation and of his employees.

We initially approached Mark asking whether he would participate in some occupational health research into exposure to respirable crystalline silica that the Centre for Public Health Research at Massey University was conducting. Mark very enthusiastically agreed to be part of the study and we have now done exposure sampling on three occasions at his Seaview plant. Although the silica levels measured were below the current New Zealand Workplace Exposure Standard of $100\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, the company has a policy of controlling health and safety hazards to the lowest possible level. Subsequently, Mark has implemented a range of controls to reduce dust emissions even further and has a stated goal of achieving levels below the effective limit of detection of respirable crystalline silica of approximately $25\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. Furthermore, Mark represents the industry sector that manufactures marble, granite and engineered stone benchtops, and in our opinion has standards that lead this industry. He has led discussions within the industry and put us in touch with three other large benchtop manufacturing companies which are all now part of our study.



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