



# Asbestos, Mould Assessments, and Clearance Certifications



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The Opira team have everything you need to support you with insurance assessments. Our team are qualified in OH Inspection clearances, IICRCS520 trained, and NATA accredited for Asbestos analysis.

We offer the following accredited and certified services.

- Asbestos Surveys
- Mould Inspections and Assessments
- OH Clearance Inspections
- Trained Inspectors in - Cleaning and Restoration Certification Standard IICRC S520
- Post Remediation Inspections

Opira is available for on-site consultations.

Call us now on 1300 157 for an obligation-free quote.



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# ASBESTOS NATA TESTING SERVICES AND AUDITS



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The past two years have brought many exciting developments for Opira. We have carried out asbestos testing and audits for commercial buildings, education, health facilities and construction sites. It is an important part of our business strategy, being able to offer clients a full catalogue of indoor environment risk management services. We want to work in partnership with our clients, making it easier for them to manage sites that have asbestos. Opira can manage the entire project scope from the ground up, carrying out asbestos risk management hazards, material handling, organise and deal with contractors, dust control, asbestos removal, alterations, health & safety standards, NATA testing and verification reporting, Stuart has also completed training and assessments to become a WELL Accredited Professional. This credential allows Opira to certify projects against the WELL building standard for design interventions, operational protocols, and policies to fostering a culture of health and wellness within the built environment.

## Opira Services:

- Workplace Exposure Assessments
- Respirator Fit Testing
- Crystalline Silica & Other Respirable Dusts
- Other Specific Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)
- Mould and Fungi Testing
- Mould remediation project management services
- Asbestos NATA Testing and Audits. - Building Surveys for Workplace Registers and Demolition Projects
- Personal Exposure Air Monitoring
- Control Air Monitoring for Asbestos Removal
- Clearance Monitoring and Visual Clearance Verification
- Asbestos Removal Project Management



**Stuart Buck**  
Opira Environmental Consultant

Stuart is an accomplished Environmental Consultant with over 10 years' hands-on experience nationally and internationally. He has experiences in asbestos air monitoring, fibre counting, asbestos analysis, respirable and inhalable dust exposure monitoring. Stuart has worked on large-scale projects including the Northern Territory Cox Peninsula Remediation Project (one of Australia's largest publicly funded contaminated land remediation projects) and was involved in the remediation of asbestos contaminated land in the Ishinomaki area following the Japan Tohoku earthquake and tsunami disasters.

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# MYCOMETER TESTING



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## MYCO METER®-air ADVANTAGE

High reproducibility (<10% RSD) in the methodology

- The Mycometer®-air test is verified by USEPA
- Objective analysis free from subjective evaluation
- Elimination of high short term variability with a standardized aggressive sampling protocol
- Aggressive Post Remediation sampling (similar to that used for asbestos) gives the best possible results for confident project completion
- Low chance of false negatives when using the aggressive sampling protocol
- Rapid results onsite
- No overloading
- Interpretive criteria for many applications



**Bactiquant®-surface** provides fast results to determine when the level of bacterial contamination requires remediation and the criteria for determining successful cleaning.

ADVANTAGE Bactiquant®-surface provides:

- **Test On-site.**  
Determine level of bacterial contamination on surfaces in less than an hour.
- **Repeatable and reliable method.**  
Robust chemistry and standardized sampling and analysis protocols are the basis of the high reproducibility of this method.
- **Easily interpreted.**  
The robust chemistry provides defined cut off values for clean/not clean and for normal house level or contaminated house level. The new method allows on-site results in an hour and is based on detection of a hydrolytic enzyme activity by use of a very sensitive fluorescence technology.



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# MOULD TESTING AND ASSESSMENTS



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Mould is more than just unsightly. It can also be incredibly dangerous, affecting indoor air quality and providing a toxic environment. Mould produces tiny particles called spores, and these travel through the air. When inhaled, these particles can cause a range of health problems such as nasal issues, irritation to the eyes and skin, and also respiratory problems. Needless to say, whether you're in the public or private sector, mould testing and control is essential.

## Why is mould testing important?

Because mould releases spores that become airborne, even the smallest instance of mould in a building can have an effect. Firstly, it's a serious health risk, but mould can also damage building structures if left untreated.

In some cases, mould growth is easily identifiable, however, it's not always simple to define what's causing it. That's why a trained indoor Air Scientist from Opira is your best choice for mould testing and assessment.

In addition to regular indoor environmental health checks, there are several specific situations in which you'll need experts to conduct your testing. These include cases where there is a legal dispute between building owners and tenants relating to mould, or even insurance cases. When expert reports are required, people come to Opira.

## How do mould inspection and assessment work?

Our mould testing inspection process is tailored to your individual needs and the severity of your problems.

The first step is usually a visual inspection of the building to determine the location and source of mould. This will include checking all surfaces, as well as ventilation systems, including air handling units, ducting, and diffusers. In many circumstances in commercial large ducted HVAC systems to thoroughly investigate we will need to cut an access panel into HVAC ducting to conduct sampling and inspections.

All our scientific team are trained to install access panels so we don't need a second party contractor to come on board to provide the access installation to do a thorough investigation.

We always attempt to use non-invasive methods initially, such as thermal imaging if required. If the cause or source of mould is difficult to identify, other methods may be required. Some samples can also be tested on-site, using our newly purchased mycometer while others are collected and analysed at our facility or other NATA accredited laboratories.

Once the type of mould and its causes are fully understood, we work to provide advice that will include a full remediation plan as well as involving other consultants and contractors to engineer solutions to prevent the mould from returning.

## Why choose Opira for mould assessment and testing?

In most cases, identifying and assessing mould in a building requires more than just a visual inspection and a clean-up. It takes an indoor health specialist to properly carry out a mould testing service, and that's why our clients choose us.

We don't just tell you that you have a mould problem – we discover the cause and help you prevent further problems. We take mould assessment and testing seriously, and we provide long-lasting solutions to keep your indoor environment healthy, hygienic and safe.

Contact Opira now for an intensive mould assessment and testing. 1300159 969

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