



**Re: Opinion: Clarity at last for the victims of asbestos – *The Independent* (26 March 2012)**

Asbestos victims affected by the Supreme Court's judgment are at least fortunate enough to have traced the insurers of the employers who exposed them to the deadly dust. Hundreds of other victims cannot, as records have been lost or destroyed. These vulnerable people are denied the compensation they need to see them through their remaining days.

Victims and their families have been waiting for nearly two years for the Government to act on plans for an insurance fund of last resort. The need for action is urgent, as suffering people are dying without receiving justice. Sick and dying workers who are unable to make a claim are effectively subsidising the insurance companies who have already taken premiums but simply cannot be found.

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