

1 there were no other way to prevent the disease than to
2 get rid of it totally, this would be a medical
3 recommendation.

4 Q Right. But there is no regulatory body
5 within the medical community that tells asbestos
6 manufacturers or suppliers of asbestos-containing
7 products that you have to ban this product, is it?

8 A There is no regulation, but there is, you
9 know -- most decisions involving health are based on
10 medical and scientific knowledge and recommendations.

11 Q Right. Now you talked about -- a little bit
12 about Merewether, and you were asked a question about
13 whether Merewether suggested that asbestos products be
14 banned and you said no; is that correct?

15 A He did not, yes.

16 Q That is because he made certain
17 recommendations about the use and the ways of
18 preventing disease; isn't that correct?

19 A It was his interpretation, and others
20 following him, that it was possible to use asbestos
21 safely if you controlled the levels of dust.