

## **BRIDLE ABSTRACT**

The successful campaign by vested interest lobby groups to ban Chrysotile (white) asbestos has been done, not as many would have you believe to save lives, but to support predatory commercial enterprises.

Banning white asbestos throughout Europe and the UK certainly stopped any further production of asbestos containing materials (ACMs) but it did not remove the 3000 or so products made from asbestos from the millions of commercial and domestic properties.

Accompanying the ban came the legal liability under the Control of Asbestos at Work Regulations [CAWR] passed in the UK in 2002 that required every commercial property to have an asbestos survey and implement a written management plan to deal with any asbestos material found.

Unfortunately, despite all the Government's good intentions, this regulation has been hijacked by the vested interest groups, starting a chain of events that is crippling British businesses and feeding a lawyer based claims culture that makes exposure to asbestos a danger to your wealth rather than your health.

This presentation will identify the culprits and some of the methods they use to exploit the system