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Subject: Whistleblower: Newmont Tanami Operations - Environment and/or Chemical exposure: Threshold doubt to report Part 1/6
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There were no patient complaints for the 14 days I worked at the Newmont Tanami site. All patients feedback when asked stated the care was excellent and "have a great bedside manner" Brett Pascoe while driving me away from site clinic.

Feedback from staff at Newmont was "Overwhelmingly positive"

So what changed so quickly...

I informed them of a link between 5 cases ranging from mild to severe of chemical burns that were incorrectly assessed in isolation as contact dermatitis in the context of white crystal residue outside the area they were working.

After this was respectfully communicated My flights that were booked in advance until may was cancelled and the report with management was ice cold.

When 2 hypoxic patients presented within 2 days of each other and another 20 mins later I was alarmed at the close proximity and believed a toxin could be causing this.

The idea was rejected as being impossible or so ridiculous because of their controls.

While the patient was still unstable the manager Brett Pascoe relieved me of duty and escorted me with security back to a room elsewhere.

Perhaps Perdita may like to manipulate this into it being the BPD that was not assessed by Dr Ingram nor diagnosed but used against me anyway or converse with Newmont in secret to pursue more false allegations that are likely to follow from these new events.

While this part is not entirely necessary and could be deemed unprofessional, I would also argue that the way AHPRA has conducted itself was also unprofessional. The last 7 years has seen a power imbalance where it has never been possible to defend myself against the power imbalances because my words were not worth the scum under a shoe to listen to or consider without bias and the right to due process that might be afforded to someone that still had their dignity in tact.

I am not mentally ill, just like Dr Hokin advised you. I am not a danger to the public. I am not a dangerous person that should have their calling to life taken away from them. I am sick of being subject to actions that deviate from legislation, rules and societal norms for being a good Paramedic or being assumed to be the worst without anything reasonable to back that up.

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----- Original Message -----

On 14 Feb 2022, 09:02, Ntworksafe DOJ <Ntworksafe@nt.gov.au> wrote:

Good morning Reece,

Thank you for your email.

Your concerns have been logged and sent to our Inspectorate team for triaging.
Your reference number is **2022COM00042**.

Kind Regards

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Good Morning,

My CV is attached.

I believe there is enough clinical evidence to reach a threshold of doubt as to the safety of the Newmont Tanami operations site in NT. There are clusters of cases that have been assessed as isolated dermatitis/infections that I have later linked as related due to a presentation I treated personally and information from a supervisor that another presentation occurred similar two weeks before. Some of these cases occurred on the same day. There have been cases of unexplained hypoxia (low o2 pulse ox - troubleshooted for accuracy using multiple devices - cap refill <2 secs) head ache, nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea nil fevers. I personally treated one and on 12 FEB Sunday, another presentation of a similar type Headache vomiting, SPO2 88% at room air, wide complex QRS, non smoker, nil history of concern, lethargy and sleepiness all of which resolved on 100% oxygen via mask rebreather. Another presentation approx 30 mins later with headache light headed, nausea, Short of breath, sore throat, **metallic taste** (This was a spontaneous symptom stated by the patient in the absence of suggestion or prompting). Both these workers came from underground. See Newmont training screen shots.

On consultation with Dr Townsend of OccuMED, he confirmed there was cause to escalate action on the cases of chemical burns and the white residue outside the Mill Area consistent with chemical salts white in colour post evaporation of rain flood water. When I continued to be concerned about a toxin exposure of the last two patients I saw on Sunday he believed I was fixated on this and there is no way it could be cyanide because it is so tightly controlled although not impossible it is extremely unlikely. As a result management (Brett) came and notified me of his decision to relieve me of duty and return to a room at the other side of the site and not practice here. I complied voluntarily.

Hearsay from medics and COVID RN suggests there is a current employee in intensive care on life support and they attribute it to COVID-19 but with this context I am not convinced.

I was celebrated for an overwhelmingly positive" feedback on my first week. Following the notification of the chemical burns the report deteriorated to me now being stood down and sent out on the first flight on monday or tuesday.

I am not concerned about the actions against me now, but I am concerned about the health of people here at Tanami and the actions taken by management to silence and expel me from site as I am the most senior clinician although I am a contractor, on site.

