

\$160,000 for Morwell man

A MORWELL man, who contracted lung cancer from asbestos exposure, has been awarded \$160,000.

The man, who wishes to remain anonymous, sued the Commonwealth of Australia (for the navy) and the State Electricity Commission.

Solicitor Lee Flanagan [REDACTED] said the trial, which was to have begun last Monday, was believed to be one of the fastest cases to proceed to trial in Australia. He said the trial date was set on 15 January, four days after the man first sought legal advice and eight weeks after he learned he had cancer.

Mr Flanagan said that last week, the two defendants agreed to settle for \$160,000 for "pain and suffering".

According to Mr Flanagan, the man worked as a messenger with the SEC for two years, then served in the navy for five years then returned to the SEC where he was trained as an automotive electrician.