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**Statement from Nine spokesperson:**

**Engineered stone was not used at all.** All kitchens used **natural stone**. Some laundries used a product which **WorkSafe does not** consider to be engineered stone, due to its low silica content. In any event, no natural stone was cut on site. All benches were made off-site using safe work methods (as shown in the program) and then installed on location.

We otherwise refer you to Cosentino regarding their work practices. We have sighted documents which demonstrate that these have been reviewed by WorkSafe. We work with WorkSafe at *The Block* to ensure safe work practices.

Nine is aware of the issues relating to engineered stone products. In the segment that the ACTU raised with us, the contestant specifically refers to the issues with silica dust. We note this contestant is also a career safety officer.