



September 2009

Latest news from the Minister

Launch of Zero harm at Work Leadership Forum program

Industrial Relations Minister Cameron Dick will today meet with about 250 industry and union leaders to seek their personal commitment on a groundbreaking new program to reduce workplace deaths and injuries.

Mr Dick said Zero Harm at Work aims to reduce the shocking number of deaths and injuries in Queensland workplaces.

"Ensuring safety in the workplace is one of the most important challenges facing industry in Queensland," Mr Dick said.

"Every year around 100 Queenslanders are killed at work and 30,000 people suffer serious injuries or work related diseases.

"The cost to our State of these tragic deaths and injuries is more than \$5 billion a year.

"And worst of all, mums, dads, husbands, wives and children are left mourning the family member that never came home from work.

"My government wants to turn these shocking statistics around, to make it clear that workplace health and safety is everyone's business," he said.

Mr Dick said Zero Harm at Work aims to build a positive safety culture in Queensland workplaces, to help reduce the number and severity of workplace health and safety incidents

"The program aims to improve safety in all high risk industries across Queensland, by changing attitudes from the top down," said Mr Dick.

"We are asking our top business leaders, as well as union and public sector leaders, to join the forum and drive positive workplace health and safety changes in their organisations," he said.

Mr Dick said while industry is making progress in the area of Workplace Health and Safety, there is still an urgent need for change, to prevent death and injury in Queensland workplaces.

"Dangerous industries including construction, transport and agriculture have been targeted by the program to reduce the high numbers of injuries and fatalities each year," Mr Dick said.

"Significant cultural changes need to occur within the industry to turn these figures around.

"We want all Queensland workers to make it home to their families at the end of each day."

"Around 35 organisations have signed up already to the leadership forum after a pilot forum for the construction industry was held earlier this year.

"In August, construction company Boulderstone was the first to accept the Zero Harm at Work challenge and I congratulate them for the leadership they have shown in their Workplace Health and Safety practices," he said.

Mr Dick said one of the key points of Zero Harm at Work is importance of the development of industry networks to spread the safety message to every section of industries.

"The Zero Harm at Work policy not only needs to be adopted by companies – but also needs to be made clear to employees, suppliers, contractors and industry partners, that it is the expectation for anyone who plays a part in the business," Mr Dick said.

"The ideal model involves sharing knowledge, mentoring staff and providing assistance for smaller businesses, this will help to change the way people look at workplace health and safety.

"The Queensland Government is committed to making our workplaces among the healthiest and safest in the nation, but we can't do it alone.

"Real and sustainable improvements in workplace health and safety can only be achieved by the engagement and unwavering commitment of industry leaders.

"It is encouraging that 250 industry and union leaders have offered their personal commitment to this groundbreaking new program, " he said.

The Zero Harm at Work program is designed to motivate and encourage organisations to voluntarily strive for zero harm at work by:

- providing an ongoing forum to foster and promote leadership in workplace health and safety in the construction industry;
- providing examples of good practices and sharing lessons learnt that can assist other workplaces to improve;
- promoting the adoption of a zero harm at work culture through cooperation and knowledge sharing;
- providing practical advice, support, materials and tools to implement a zero harm culture.

For further information visit www.worksafe.qld.gov.au or call Workplace Health and Safety Queensland on 1300 369 915 and ask for the Zero Harm at Work Leadership Program coordinator.

Dive industry safety initiative

Industrial Relations Minister Cameron Dick today announced the establishment of an industry reference group to help review Queensland's recreational diving safety codes.

Mr Dick said the dive industry in Bundaberg is becoming increasingly popular with the large numbers of tourists and backpackers working in the local area.

"Queensland has an international reputation as the home of some of the safest and most spectacular dive experiences in the world," Mr Dick said.

"The establishment of the Recreational Diving Reference Group by Workplace Health and Safety is a proactive initiative to develop even stronger awareness throughout the industry about the benefits and necessity of strong safety standards.

"We are sending a clear message that safety is, and must remain, the number one priority of the Queensland Dive Industry, so we can keep our reputation as a world-class dive destination which people from all over the world can enjoy.

"The group will be made up of key industry figures from all three of the main recreational diving regions in the state – Cairns and Port Douglas, the Whitsundays, Wide Bay and South East Queensland," he said.

Mr Dick said the group will be comprised of employers and unions, small and large recreational diving tour operators, diver training companies and technical experts.

"With the tourism industry facing hard times as a result of the global economic crisis, it is critical Queensland maintains its reputation as a safe diving and snorkelling destination," Mr Dick said.

"The group will review of the Recreational Technical Diving Code of Practice 2006 and the Compressed Air Recreational Diving and Snorkelling Code of Practice 2005, which provide practical advice on how to manage risks.

"Leading dive operators from across the state attended Ministerial Roundtables held by WHSQ for the industry in January and July to discuss emerging issues and how safety standards could be further improved in the industry," he said.

Since the July meeting the Recreational Diving Reference Group has:

- recruited and trained an Inspector to join the team of specialist diving inspectors dedicated to servicing the Queensland dive industry;
- undertaken a program of visits to coastal regions to undertake proactive information advisory and assessment work;
- provided technical support and guidance to other WHSQ regions in response to diving and snorkeling incidents and complaints; and
- provided technical advice on existing recreational diving codes of practice.

Mr Dick said the Queensland dive industry has a world class safety record, with the lowest dive fatality rate of any location in the world.

"Our recreational dive industry is the most strictly regulated of any region in the South Pacific and Asia. It has been covered by Workplace Health and Safety Regulation since 1989," he said.

"The trend in the total number of diving and snorkelling fatalities has been declining since 2002, evidence that our approach to safety is working.

"The annual death toll has steadily decreased to 3 in 2008 (all snorkelling) down from a peak of 11 (8 snorkelling and 3 diving) in 2002.

"But we must do more because, while the annual death toll has steadily decreased since 2002, on average there are between 4 and 6 diving and snorkelling fatal workplace incidents each year.

Mr Dick said the Government is continuing to work with the industry to ensure safety remains the absolute priority.

"We are determined to ensure Queensland maintains its international reputation as the home of some of the safest and most spectacular dive experiences in the world.

"The industry is important to the Queensland economy, with around 1.2 million domestic and international visitors undertaking recreational diving and snorkelling activities each year," he said.

Breaking news

Safe Work Australia Week

Workplace health and safety: It makes financial cents

Why is it important?

- Approximately 100 Queenslanders die each year as a result of work-related injuries.
- Nearly 30,000 of us are seriously injured each year.
- Total workplace incidents cost the Queensland economy over \$5.2 billion each year.

What can you do about it?

Safe Work Australia Week (SWAW), 25 - 31 October 2009 aims to encourage all working Queenslanders to get involved in, and concentrate on, safety in their workplace to reduce deaths, injuries and diseases.

In 2009, Workplace Health and Safety Queensland (WHSQ) is hosting an exciting calendar of state-wide events focusing on the theme *Healthier and safer workplaces. Healthier and safer workers*. The theme links to the Queensland Government's *Toward Q2* strategy which aims to make Queenslanders Australia's healthiest people.

WHSQ is engaging celebrity ambassadors and key partners to help spread the message this year including:



Dr Andrew Rochford

Dr Andrew Rochford joined the *What's Good for You* team on the Nine Network as the resident medicine man and human guinea pig. Dr Rochford demystifies the issues that surround new age diets, fitness and alternative therapies, to help people choose what is right for them. Dr Rochford will be presenting at the Healthier and Safer Workers Seminar and will be talking about general health and wellbeing and will delve into his experiences in putting his body to the test.



Shane Webcke

Shane Webcke retired from a successful rugby league career with a fairytale ending after the Brisbane Broncos won the 2006 Grand Final. He was then named one of the 100 greatest players of the Century. Shane has a rural upbringing and still plays an active role in farming cattle, sheep and grain in the Darling Downs. Shane will be presenting at the Rural Safety Day during SWAW and will talk about his experiences on the farm, including the death of his father as a result of a workplace incident.

14 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ride to Work Day (National)
21 – 23 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visions Conference (Townsville)
Friday 23 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Injury Free Day Launch (Brisbane)
25 – 30 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘Spin those wheels.’ An initiative to encourage employees to ride to work during SWAW
Tuesday 27 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Love Your Work Expo and Work Safe Awards Ceremony (in partnership with Q-COMP, Brisbane) • Rural Field Day (Mackay) • Builders Breakfast Seminar Brisbane and Sunshine Coast

Wednesday 28 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthier and Safer Workers Information Session (Brisbane)
Thursday 29 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Putting the Health back into Health and Safety (Gladstone) • Healthier and Safer Workplaces Conference (Sunshine Coast)
Friday 30 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction and Young Workers BBQ Breakfast (Gold Coast) • Injury Free Day (in partnership with KIDS Foundation, Australia-wide). • Leading Central Queensland towards Zero Harm Seminar (Rockhampton)

Get involved

- Participate in Workplace Health and Safety Queensland's [calendar of events](#).
- Hold a health and safety information session or morning tea.
- Encourage staff to take a break and exercise to improve alertness and physical wellbeing, i.e. walk, yoga, bike ride or run.
- Hold an office clean up day to ensure workplaces are safe and clean.
- Invite a doctor to your workplace to talk about health and wellbeing.
- Encourage staff to identify and speak up about a health and safety issue in their area.
- Visit www.worksafe.qld.gov.au for more ideas on how you can get involved.

For more information on Safe Work Australia Week visit www.worksafe.qld.gov.au or call the Workplace Health and Safety Infoline on 1300 369 915.

Have your say on the proposed national OHS laws

Safe Work Australia (SWA) is currently developing national model occupational health and safety (OHS) legislation to be implemented in all Australian jurisdictions in 2011.

Harmonised OHS laws will provide a number of benefits including:

- uniform, equitable and effective safety standards and protections for all Australian workers
- reduced compliance and regulatory burdens for employers with operations in more than one jurisdiction, and
- greater efficiencies for governments in the provision of OHS regulatory and support services.

A draft of the model legislation is now available for public comment closing 9 November 2009. This is an opportunity to actively participate and voice your opinion on the development of new model OHS legislation.

For more information, visit the Workplace Health and Safety Queensland website, www.worksafe.qld.gov.au.

More information including a comparison between the [draft model laws and current Queensland laws](#) visit the Workplace Health and Safety Queensland website, www.worksafe.qld.gov.au.

Indicative national OHS laws timetable

Stage 1	
September 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stage One: model regulations associated with core functions, obligations or powers, arising from the recommendations from the national review released for public comment.
Nov/Dec 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Model OHS legislation submitted to Workplace Relations Ministers Council (WRMC) for agreement. Draft model OHS regulations developed and progressively submitted to WRMC for decision.
Stage 2	
Progressively from late 2009	Model regulations on matters addressed in existing national OHS standards.
Stage 3	
Progressively from late 2009	Model regulations on matters currently included in regulations in two thirds, or more, of the jurisdictions.
Stage 4	
Early 2010	Model regulations on matters currently included in regulations in one or several jurisdictions.
Stage 5	
Progressively from late 2010	Development of model Codes of Practice.
Stage 6	
December 2011	All jurisdictions have implemented the model OHS Act and regulations.

Industry insights

Building the Education Revolution (BER)

BER is a \$14.7 billion national investment from the Australian Government to improve the quality of facilities in Australian schools to meet the needs of 21st century students and teachers.

The three key elements of BER are:

- *Primary schools for 21st century* - \$12.4 billion to build or refurbish large scale infrastructure in primary schools, K-12s and special schools, including libraries and multipurpose halls.
- *Science and language centres for 21st century secondary schools* - \$1 billion to build up to 500 science laboratories or language learning centres in secondary schools.
- *National school pride program (renewing Australia's schools)* - \$1.3 billion to refurbish and renew existing infrastructure and build minor infrastructure in all schools.

In Queensland

Workplace Health and Safety Queensland (WHSQ) is working with Education Queensland, Department of Public Works, Queensland Catholic Education Commission and Independent Schools Queensland to ensure contractors involved in BER comply with the highest standards of occupational health and safety during construction activities in schools.

WHSQ and the WHS Board have adopted a Zero Harm at Work philosophy which simply means no harm to anyone, anytime while at work. For Queensland to become the healthiest and safest working state in Australia WHSQ is asking education administrators, school faculties and the construction industry working on BER to accept nothing less than zero harm at work.

WHSQ has developed a specific [information package](#) to help builders, tradespeople, contractors and schools to understand their workplace health and safety obligations as part of BER. The information package includes a fact sheet, construction site check lists for site security, fencing, site inspection and construction safety plans which may be used as part of the process of ensuring safety on school sites.

Both before and during construction WHSQ encourages Queensland schools to establish and maintain effective safety consultation with principal contractors, sub-contractors and workers in a collaborative approach to ensure

safety expectations are maintained on site.

Key areas to consider while construction work is being undertaken at schools will include:

- **Fencing** - site security and site access
- **OHS management system** - using formal OHS management systems
- **Communication** - between school and construction industry
- **Safe storage** - plant and materials
- **Falls** - preventing access to height
- **Electrical safety** - access and security of electrical sources and equipment
- **Plant and machinery** - security and movement
- **Site deliveries and logistics** - designated delivery times and locations
- **School hours** - children's exposure to construction activities.
- **Reality** - unpredictability and adventurous nature of children.

For more information:

Visit www.worksafe.qld.gov.au or call the WHS Infoline on 1300 369 915.

Visit the website to download:

- Information fact sheet for schools and construction industry
- Construction site inspection and safety plan assessment checklist
- Safety and security fencing for construction sites at schools risk assessment
- Establishing and maintaining effective safety consultation in construction
- Building and construction industry workplace health and safety guide.

For information on Queensland's [Zero Harm at Work Leadership Forum Program](#) also visit the website.

Health and safety hotspots

Get involved in Safe Work Australia Week

The Cancer Council Queensland is helping workplaces to get involved in Safe Work Australia Week by offering programs, interactive presentations and educational tools to help create healthier and safer workers.

Train your workplace health professional to become a Quit Educator!



Do you want a smoke-free workplace? Would you like to help your employees quit smoking on a shoestring budget? Cancer Council Queensland offers the Quit Educator Training to build the capacity of workplaces to run ongoing group smoking cessation programs.

Quit Educator Training is a two-day course that has been designed to equip workplace or community based health professionals with the skills to deliver smoking cessation courses and brief intervention counselling with individual clients or groups. In addition to running group programs within the workplace, health professionals who are trained as Quit Educators will be equipped to carry out opportunistic brief intervention and make Quitline referrals for employees.

Next Course: Brisbane 19th and 20th October 2009 (Monday and Tuesday)

Free 30 minute CancerSmart presentations available now

Cancer Council Queensland has developed a free education program to inform adults about the importance of prevention and early detection of cancer.

Cancer Council Queensland's trained speakers are available to present the following topics in your workplace:

- reducing your risk of skin cancer

- reducing your risk of bowel cancer
- reducing cancer risk for women (breast, cervical, ovarian and lifestyle)
- reducing cancer risk for men (prostate, testicular and lifestyle)
- cancer smart lifestyle (physical activity, nutrition, alcohol and body weight).

Each topic runs for 30 minutes, provides relevant statistics, identifies the importance of prevention and early detection and key lifestyle messages to reduce your cancer risk.

Free Saving Our Skin DVD (S.O.S)



Order your free copy of an informative 8 minute DVD on skin cancer prevention and early detection for outdoor workers, community, schools and early childhood settings.

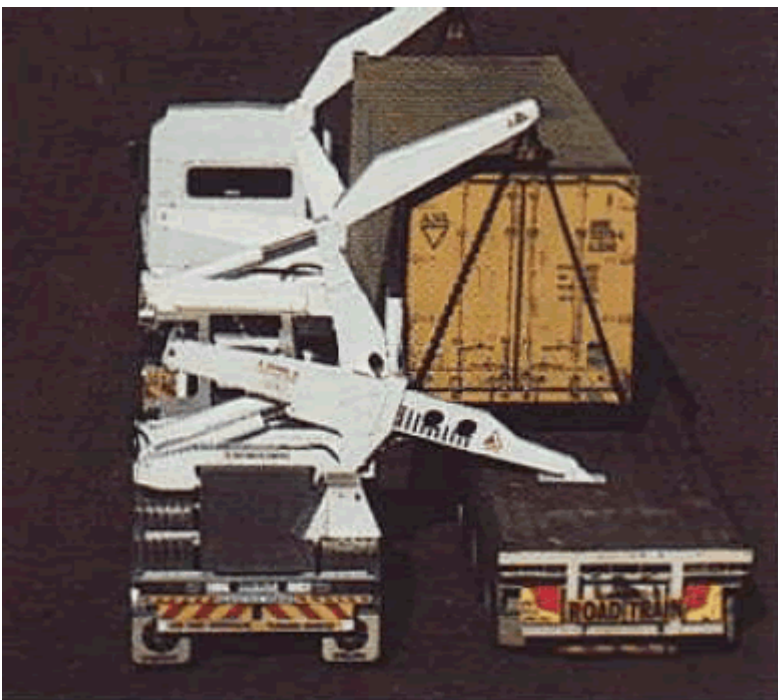
For more information on any of these programs contact Cancer Council Queensland Helpline on 13 11 20 or book online at www.cancerqld.org.au.

For further information on Safe Work Australia Week and how your organisation can get involved visit www.worksafe.qld.gov.au or call the Workplace Health and Safety Infoline on 1300 369 915.

Safety Alert - sidelifters

Purpose

The purpose of this alert is to inform all businesses and people who operate container sidelifters of the risk of injury when using this equipment to transfer a container from one vehicle to another.



Photograph 1: Transferring a container from one vehicle to another with a sidelifter.

Background

A recent incident occurred in Queensland when the foot on a stabiliser leg of a sidelifter slipped off the chassis of the adjacent trailer while a container was being transferred (see photograph 2). The movement of the foot, as it slipped off the chassis of the skeleton trailer, caused the trailer transferring the load to lurch to one side and come to rest in a tilted position against the second trailer (see photograph 3).

This sudden tilt caught the operator in a crush zone between the two trailers, inflicting serious bodily injuries. (See photograph 4).



Photograph 2: Foot that has slipped off chassis



Photograph 3: Trailer tilted resulting from foot instability



Photograph 4: Crush zone between trailers

The level of lighting at the time of the incident was low and the skeleton trailer was not fitted with devices specifically designed to locate the stabiliser feet and prevent any sliding movement.

Note: a skeleton trailer is a trailer that consists of structural members and has no flat tray.

Transferring a container to and from the trailer incorporating the sidelifter assembly is one of the activities allowed by some manufacturers of sidelifters.

Actions required to minimise the risk of injury

For the safe use of sidelifters, the obligation holder must ensure the following:

- The load being transferred is within acceptable limits according to the load chart for the sidelifter unit.
- There is adequate lighting when using sidelifters at night.
- Operators of sidelifters are provided with instructions for use and must be effectively trained for the task. This is especially critical in relation to all persons being clear of the 'no go' zone and to the positioning of the support legs and feet.
- Suspension lockouts are engaged as required by the sidelifter manufacturer.
- Trailers and vehicles used for transferring containers from one vehicle to the other are designed for this purpose, that is, they are fitted with suitable feet locating devices intended for providing a support base for the feet of the stabiliser legs(see Photograph 5), and contain suspension lockout devices.



Photograph 5: Trailer with sidelifter foot support plates.

Routine maintenance

A competent person must be engaged periodically to carry out inspections of the sidelifters critical components at least annually or as prescribed by the manufacturer. The unit generally must be maintained in a safe condition with repairs as required being carried out by competent personnel.

A record of the above activities should be maintained to provide a history of the plant.

Legislative requirements

The [Workplace Health and Safety Act 1995](#) (PDF, 766 KB) imposes health and safety obligations on all persons conducting a business or undertaking whether as employer, self-employed person, designers, manufacturers, suppliers, installers and owners of plant and workers.

The information contained in this alert is designed to help persons meet their obligations regarding the management of risks associated with truck mounted forklifts.

More information

Further information is available from www.worksafe.qld.gov.au or by calling the Workplace Health and Safety Infoline on 1300 369 915.

Legal lessons

Whitsunday dive company fined \$25,000 over stranding of overseas divers

Whitsunday dive boat operator, AP Vessel Management Pty Ltd, has been fined \$25,000 after two overseas visitors on a recreational diving trip were stranded at sea overnight in May 2008.

The company, which trades as Ozsail Skippered Yacht Charters, pleaded guilty in the Proserpine Industrial Magistrates Court on 17 August 2009 to breaching the *Workplace Health and Safety Act 1995* by failing to ensure the health and safety of Briton, Richard Neely and Allyson Dalton from the USA.

The Court heard the divers were among 20 passengers on the company's dive vessel Pacific Star that left Airlie Beach for a recreational diving trip to Bait Reef, off the Whitsunday Islands.

Surfacing at the end of the dive on 23 May 2008, Neely and Dalton could not get back to the vessel and drifted for several hours before being rescued the next morning.

Workplace Health and Safety Queensland's investigation found the company did not adequately manage the risk to the divers' safety. The investigation identified failures in the system of logging divers in and out of the water and emergency preparedness.

Industrial Magistrate Mr Athol Kennedy noted it was not a lack of procedures which lead to the divers being left at sea for 17 to 18 hours – it was a failure to follow procedures which almost lead to disaster.

In addition to the fine, Mr Kennedy ordered the company pay investigation and professional costs of \$4,250.

He accepted the company had cooperated with Workplace Health & Safety and entered an early guilty plea. He also took into account the company's previous good record, the remorse expressed and that it was otherwise a good corporate citizen. No conviction was recorded.

The prosecution was brought by Workplace Health and Safety Queensland, a division of the Office of Fair and Safe Work Queensland in the Department of Justice and Attorney-General.

Compliance and enforcement

Concrete pumping compliance campaign

Workplace Health and Safety Queensland (WHSQ) recently launched the 2009 concrete pumping compliance campaign to promote safe and healthy work practices within the industry.

This campaign involves the Government working with concrete pump owners and operators across the state to both educate and enforce safe and healthy practices.

The campaign will target 279 mobile concrete placement booms currently registered with WHSQ and an estimated 40 satellite booms and 500 pumps currently located in Queensland.

This campaign has been developed in response to an increase in the quantity of concrete pumps, and an increase in incidents, injuries and fatalities due to:

- catastrophic failure of concrete pumping lines as a result of worn pipe, pipe clamp failure, poor manufacturing and the use of inadequate pressure rated pipe
- unsafe cleanout practices of concrete delivery hoppers on concrete pumps
- the collapse of concrete placement booms due to lack of maintenance and inspection, overloading of booms and, in some cases, poor design and quality of equipment
- overturning of mobile placement booms due to inadequate outrigger foot support on soft ground and insufficient outrigger extension
- inadequate traffic management procedures, in particular involving the reversing of concrete trucks to the hopper, and

- contact of concrete placement booms with overhead power lines and other plant such as cranes.

The campaign includes an education phase and an enforcement phase:

Education phase

The education phase involved Workplace Health and Safety Inspectors visiting 80 per cent of concrete pump owners in August and September 2009.

During these visits information packs are being distributed which include:

- an [enforcement issues document](#) that provides information on a number of key issues and describes when and how enforcement action will be carried out
- an [audit checklist](#) that will be used during the enforcement stage of the campaign
- safety alert - [Risks of short legging mobile plant](#)
- safety alert - [Concrete pumping pipeline risks](#)
- Fact sheet - [Concrete pumping plant](#)
- Fact sheet - [Concrete pumping- safe use](#)
- Fact sheet - [Concrete pumping traffic control](#), and
- Fact sheet - [Concrete pumping clean out procedures](#).

The education phase gave concrete pump owners the opportunity to comply with the [Concrete Pumping Code of Practice 2005](#) and emerging safety issues addressed in the information packs prior to audits during the enforcement phase.

Enforcement phase

The enforcement phase will consist of inspector audits and associated enforcement action from September-November 2009. Key areas that will be assessed include concrete pipelines, concrete placement booms, delivery hoppers, mobile boom set-up, pump operations, boom collision, traffic control, operator training and certification, personal protective issues and plant registration.

Results

A report highlighting the campaign results, and indicating where future focus is required, will be available through the Workplace Health and Safety Queensland website www.worksafe.qld.gov.au

For further information regarding the Workplace Health and Safety Queensland concrete pumping compliance campaign please visit www.worksafe.qld.gov.au or call the Workplace Health and Safety Infoline on 1300 369 915.



Principal Advisor Stuart Davis details WHSQ's concrete pumping compliance campaign to concrete pump owners and operators at an information session at Master Builders on August 6, 2009.

Inspectorate adopt international code of integrity

The Workplace Health and Safety Queensland (WHSQ), Private Sector Industrial Relations (PSIR) and Electrical Safety Office (ESO) inspectorates will soon reach a new international standard of service delivery with the adoption of the [Global Code of Integrity for Labour Inspection](#).

Developed by the International Association of Labour Inspection (IALI), the code serves as a foundation to establish credible, ethical and consistently professional behaviours expected of labour inspectorate employees worldwide. It represents a commitment to ensure that all labour inspectorate activities are underpinned by professionalism, respect, neutrality and integrity.

The code acts as a model framework to establish standards of conduct that:

- define acceptable patterns of behaviour
- promote high standards of practice
- provide a benchmark for self-evaluation
- establish a framework for official and private behaviour and responsibilities
- provide a vehicle for professional identity
- provide the basis for increased influence to achieve safe, healthy and decent standards of work, and
- identify opportunities that promote maturity and recognition of the profession.

What is the code about?

The code outlines obligations for both individuals and organisations in six broad areas:

1. knowledge and competence
2. honesty and integrity
3. courtesy and respect
4. objectivity, neutrality and fairness
5. commitment and responsiveness, and
6. consistency between personal and professional behaviour.

It includes sections to help inspectorate staff understand their obligations as public officials, and ensure that the standards of conduct expected of them by their employer and community are maintained.

The code also places an obligation on employers to provide a work environment that allows individuals to work to the values described in the code.

The international code has been endorsed by the International Business Lobby and various international employer and union groups and is being adopted in all Australian jurisdictions.

For further information and to view the Global Code of Integrity for Labour Inspection please visit our [inspector conduct](#) page.

Campaign corner

Visions Conference

Workplace Health and Safety Queensland will engage with, and educate delegates from a wide range of industries throughout Queensland during the 17th annual Occupational Health and Safety Conference.

The conference, hosted by the Safety Institute of Australia (Queensland/Northern Territory Division) will take place at Jupiters Townsville from 21 - 23 October 2009.

Workplace Health and Safety Queensland is the major sponsor of the forum which showcases best practice in the health and safety industry and attracts over 250 delegates from both public and private sectors including workplace health and safety practitioners, professionals and researchers.

The conference will explore a range of health and safety issues, share the latest developments in knowledge and research, and in particular will focus on achieving the national Occupational Health and Safety priorities outlined by Safe Work Australia (formerly known as the Australian Safety and Compensation Council).

Delegates will have the chance to listen to expert speakers, view industry papers and presentations on current OHS issues, participate in interactive workshops and site visits as well as meeting and networking with other health and safety professionals.

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