

National Review into Model Occupational Health and Safety Laws

4 April 2008

- The Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations, the Hon Julia Gillard MP, appointed an independent advisory panel – the Review Panel – to conduct a national review on the development of a model OHS Act. The Department prepared a submission to the review, which provided comment on all questions.

31 October 2008

- The Review Panel provided the first report and 75 recommendations to the Workplace Relations Ministers' Council (WRMC).

13 February 2009

- The Review Panel provided the second report with a further 158 recommendations to the WRMC. The two reports together make 233 recommendations, which should be read together in order to gain an understanding of the overall balance of the proposals.

The first report dealt with the priority areas of duties of care, including identification of duty holders and the scope and limits of duties, and the nature and structure of offences, including defences. The second report deals with: scope and coverage, including definitions; workplace-based consultation, participation and representation, including the appointment, powers and functions of health and safety representatives (HSRs) and committees; enforcement and compliance, including the role and powers of OHS inspectors/officers; regulation-making powers and administrative processes, including cross-jurisdictional cooperation and dispute resolution; permits and licensing arrangements; the role of regulatory agencies in providing education, advice and assistance to duty holders; and other matters identified as important to health and safety for the model OHS Act.

5 March 2009

NT WorkSafe hosted an opportunity for Northern Territory stakeholders to discuss the review of national OHS Laws with the Chair of the National Review Panel, Robin Stewart Crompton.

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Review of National Occupational Health and Safety Laws

A discussion with the Chair of the National Review Panel.

The National Review Panel has made recommendations to the Workplace Relations Ministerial Council for National Model Occupational Health and Safety laws.

The Northern Territory Government is now considering the recommendations and developing its response.

To assist with this process, NT WorkSafe is hosting a discussion with the Chair of the National Review Panel, Robin Stewart Crompton on Thursday morning, **5 March 2009**.

A venue and time will be chosen to suit numbers attending closer to the date.

Please register your interest in attending this discussion with **Carolynne Murrell** on **8999 5066** or email ntworksafe@nt.gov.au.



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