



## Inaugural Safety Conference 2019

Canberra



### DETAILS

#### Date

Friday 21 June 2019

#### Time

11.30am for 12.00pm to 4.30pm

#### Venue

Crowne Plaza Canberra  
1 Binara Street  
Canberra ACT 2601

#### Cost

No charge

#### RSVP

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### Conference agenda

11.30am **Arrival and light lunch**

12.00pm **Session 1: Safety in Paradise: the year that was in the ACT**

The world of WHS continues its march towards mainstream crime. In the last year, we have seen two individuals imprisoned for breaches of the safety laws in Australia (and one released on appeal). Along with this, regulators are continuing to bare their teeth and pursue investigations and prosecutions against officers, workers and other duty holders, including senior executive members of government.

Changing political drivers, union involvement and high profile incidents, continue to see WHS at the forefront of compliance risks for the Australian Public Service and private sector entities. In this session we unpack these trends and discuss how businesses can best prepare themselves to deal with this new reality.

12.15pm **Session 2: My Powers Rule: Investigations and enforcement powers**

Since the introduction of the model WHS laws in January 2012, Comcare and State and Territory regulators and inspectors have faced frustration. Frustration with accessing documents, entering work sites and in obtaining answers to questions. To combat this, the government continues to revise and broaden the powers of Inspectors across the state. In this session we unpack what those new powers are, and how regulators are, and can be, using these across Australia.

1.15pm **Session 3: Next Top Model: Boland's Review of the Model WHS Laws**

In December 2018, Marie Boland published her final report into the *Review of the model Work Health and Safety laws*. It is the first comprehensive review of the effectiveness of the model WHS laws since their introduction in 2011-2012. In this session, we look at some of the 34 recommendations and what changes we anticipate as a result.

2.15pm **Afternoon tea**

2.45pm

#### Session 4: Keeping Up with the Acronyms: WHS Law and the co-regulatory regimes which overlap

When we think of safety law and compliance, often the Work Health and Safety Act is the primary consideration, with Comcare as the key regulator. However, specialist safety regulators do play a part across most business and undertaking, and can be an often overlooked area of compliance. In this session, we unpack these laws, who the regulators are how to cover the field in safety compliance, covering areas such as:

- Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL)
- Trains, Planes and Automobile Safety Law (RSNL, CASA, RMS, AFP)
- Mining
- No fault safety investigations (ATSB)
- Coronial Inquests
- Dangerous Goods, Public Safety Law and much more.

3.45pm

Guest Speaker: To be announced

4.30pm

Conference close

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