

# Modernising Work Health and Safety Laws in Western Australia

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## Cover sheet for submissions on the WHS regulations

### Comments on the WHS regulations Discussion Paper

#### Questions for you to consider:

1. What is the likely cost to implement a specific proposal?
2. What is the benefit to workplace participants?
3. Is a particular recommendation to align a WHS regulation with the OSH regulations effective?
4. Are there any unintended consequences?
5. If a new requirement is proposed, what are the costs and benefits?

<b>Recommendation number in the Discussion Paper and/or regulation number in the model WHS regulations.</b>	<b>Comment (including costs and benefits)</b>
<b>Ensure elected members of a Local Government Authority are covered by 'bullying' 'psychological injury' provisions as are expected within other 'industries.'</b>	<b>I have had recent experience of appalling, repeated aggressive behaviour by a CEO of an LGA toward me as an elected member to Council.</b> <b>There appears to be huge gaps in the OSH/WSH legislation in relation to elected members to Council.</b> <b>Provision needs to be made to include elected members into the legislation to protect Councillors from inappropriate and aggressive behaviour by employees of the LGA.</b> <b>Such behaviour is costly as it potentially thwarts the democratic process and corrupts due process resulting in bad decision making and diminishing the wellbeing of the community.</b>

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