

Commission for Occupational Safety and Health MINUTES – 16 October 2019

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| Meeting No: | 390 | Time: | 8.30am |
| Venue | Koorling Dandjoo Room, Level 2, 1 Adelaide Terrace, East Perth | Secretariat: | Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS) |

Attendees

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| Ms Stephanie Mayman | Chair |
| Mr Darren Kavanagh | WorkSafe Western Australia Commissioner (Commissioner) |
| Ms Joy Barrett | UnionsWA |
| Dr Matthew Davies | Expert member |
| Ms Christina Folley | Acting Director Mines Safety, DMIRS |
| Ms Adrienne LaBombard | Chamber of Minerals and Energy WA (CMEWA) |
| Mr Glenn McLaren | UnionsWA |
| Ms Andrea Roelofs | Chamber of Commerce and Industry WA (CCIWA) |
| Mr Owen Whittle | UnionsWA |

Invited Guests

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| Ms Lorraine Field | Acting Deputy Director General Safety Regulation, DMIRS |
| Mr Martin Ralph | Regional Inspector of Mines, DMIRS (from 9am to 9.50am) |

Apologies

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| Dr Lin Fritschi | Expert member |
| Mr Paul Moss | CCIWA |
| Mr Andrew Chaplyn | Director Mines Safety, DMIRS |
| Mr Chris White | WorkCover WA (WorkCover) |
| Mr Ian Munns (Observer) | Deputy Director General Safety Regulation, DMIRS |

Executive Support

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| Ms Anika Moore | Executive Officer, DMIRS |
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1 ADMINISTRATION

1.1 Opening and welcome

The Chair opened the meeting at 8.30am and welcomed Ms Christina Folley and Ms Lorraine Field, who were attending as proxies for Mr Andrew Chaplyn and Mr Ian Munns respectively.

1.2 Apologies

The Chair accepted apologies from Commission members Dr Lin Fritschi, Mr Paul Moss, and Mr Andrew Chaplyn, as well as invited guests Mr Chris White and Mr Ian Munns.

The Chair noted that Ms Andrea Roelofs had to leave the meeting at 11.30am.

1.3 Confirmation of agenda

The agenda was confirmed as the business of the meeting.

1.4 Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

Two conflicts of interest were declared. The CCIWA representative declared that CCIWA is a registered training provider and a UnionsWA representative advised that UnionsWA is a training provider.

1.5 Other Business admitted by the Chair

The Chair advised that she had a letter from the Department of Health to raise under other business.

2 PREVIOUS MEETING/S

2.1 Confirmation of previous meeting minutes

A motion to accept the minutes of meeting 389 held on 4 September 2019 was **ENDORSED**, subject to the following amendment:

Add the following sentence before the second last paragraph of Item 1.3 'Update from the Minister':

"In response to a question from the Chair, the Minister advised that a dedicated officer will not be allocated to the Commission. He informed members that laws restrict who can give directions to a public sector officer. The Minister committed to speak to the Director General of DMIRS, regarding the provision of additional resourcing to the Commission".

Moved: CMEWA; seconded: UnionsWA.

2.2 Review action list from previous meeting

The Chair asked if members had any questions regarding the action list.

Members advised that they had no questions and the action list was **NOTED**.

2.3 Nano Diesel Particulate Matter research findings

Mr Martin Ralph gave a presentation outlining the findings of nano diesel particulate matter (nDPM) research. He explained that he had given a similar presentation to the Mining Industry Advisory Committee (MIAC) where there had been robust debate regarding recommendations.

Mr Ralph provided background to the nDPM research and explained some of the science and sampling techniques behind the findings.

Commission members asked questions regarding selection bias and whether or not the studies, identified through the literature review, controlled for smokers within sample groups.

There was discussion regarding the context of the research findings and Mr Ralph commented that the science surrounding nDPM is new. Members noted that the health impacts and risk factors of obesity and smoking are greater than those resulting from exposure to nDPM.

Mr Ralph summarised the research findings and advised that it is not possible to gain an understanding of all of the findings. He explained that DMIRS does not agree with the researcher's conclusions relating to a decline in lung function that was measured across work shifts. Mr Ralph stated that this decline was statistically significant but not clinically significant.

Mr Ralph spoke about the research recommendations and steps that the Mines Safety Directorate of DMIRS intends to take in relation to nDPM.

There was discussion regarding research from the United States and Europe, as well as the transferability of the nDPM research findings to industries other than mining.

A UnionsWA representative raised the point that Western Australian requirements for truck exhaust stacks are less restrictive than other jurisdictions. He noted that all other States have laws requiring that exhaust stacks on trucks must be above cab height, whereas in Western Australia they can be much lower, thereby increasing the risk of people inhaling exhaust fumes.

A UnionsWA representative suggested that the Commission should consider the development of general guidance, regarding reducing exposure to nDPM. She also raised the idea of writing to the agency that has the authority to introduce requirements relating to truck exhaust stacks.

The Commission **ENDORSED** a motion for the Chair to write to the Minister, with proposals for the:

- consideration of potential nDPM exposure in industries other than mining; and
- development of guidance material, outlining ways to reduce exposure to nDPM.

The Chair asked Ms Christina Folley whether the Commission could consider MIAC's comments and deliberations, relating to the nDPM research recommendations. Ms Folley confirmed that a summary of the comments would be sent to the Commission, after the next MIAC meeting.

ACTION

Mr Martin Ralph to provide links to the nano diesel particulate matter research final report and other relevant information to the Executive Officer, for circulation to Commission members.

ACTION

The Chair to write to the Western Australian agency that has the authority to introduce requirements relating to truck exhaust stacks and provide information about the impact of truck stack placement on inhalation of exhaust fumes.

ACTION

The Chair to write to the Minister with proposals for the consideration of potential nDPM exposure in industries other than mining and the development of guidance material, outlining ways to reduce exposure to nDPM.

ACTION

Mr Andrew Chaplyn to provide MIAC's comments and deliberations, relating to the nDPM research recommendations to the Executive Officer, for circulation to Commission members.

2.4 Updated Commission Strategic Plan 2019-2022

The Chair thanked the Strategic Plan Working Group for their efforts to finalise the *Commission Strategic Plan 2019-2022* (Strategic Plan). This work is reflected in the version of the plan that was included in the Commission agenda papers.

The CMEWA representative commented that there seems to be some overlap and duplication of deliverables, across the different sections of the Strategic Plan. She noted that the *Executive Summary - Plan on a Page* is good.

Following discussion, the Commission **ENDORSED** the Strategic Plan, subject to the following amendments:

- any edits the Chair decides to make to the Foreword from the *Chair of the Commission* section;
- any edits the Commissioner decides to make to the *Context from the WorkSafe WA Commissioner* section;
- replace “Conduct and gather” with “*Promote*” in Strategy One of Focus Area Two;
- that “Support” be added before “Contemporary research” in the first deliverable of Strategy One for Focus Area Two;
- add “Collaborate and” in front of “promote” at the beginning of Strategy Four of Focus Area Two;
- replace “Implement stakeholder engagement strategies” with “Enhance engagement” in the first deliverable of Strategy Four of Focus Area Two; and
- that the dot point duplication error on page 15, under the deliverable of Strategy Six of Focus Area Two, be fixed.

Commission members discussed the context of the Business Case. The Commissioner and Chair advised that they will meet with the Director General of DMIRS, to discuss resourcing of the Commission.

There was conversation regarding which Commission members would attend the meeting and whether or not the Business Case should be presented to the Director General of DMIRS.

Following discussion, the Commission **ENDORSED** a motion to remove the Level 6 JDF from the Business Case and put the draft on hold, until after the meeting with the Director General of DMIRS.

ACTION

The Chair to review the *Foreword from the Chair of the Commission* section and provide any amendments to the Executive Officer.

ACTION

The Commissioner to review the *Context from the WorkSafe WA Commissioner* section and provide any amendments to the Executive Officer.

ACTION

The Executive Officer to make the agreed changes to the *Commission Strategic Plan 2019-2022* and circulate to members.

ACTION

The Executive Officer to make the agreed changes to the *Commission Business Case 2019-2020* and circulate to members.

ACTION

The Chair and Commissioner to meet with the Director General of DMIRS, to discuss resourcing of the Commission.

2.5 Updated Guidelines and Criteria for accreditation of introductory training courses for safety and health representatives

The Chair introduced the version of the *Guidelines and Criteria for accreditation of introductory training courses for safety and health representatives* (Guidelines), which had proposed updates marked in track changes, to introduce a requirement for training providers to sign a statutory declaration.

A UnionsWA representative advised that he would not be participating in discussions or decisions relating to this matter, as it would be a conflict of interest, because the Guidelines regulate a service that the organisation he works for undertakes.

A UnionsWA representative suggested that “Introductory” be removed from the title page of the Guidelines.

Following discussion, the Commission **ENDORSED** a motion to retain the process whereby training providers submit a package for consideration by the Commission.

Moved: UnionsWA; seconded: CCIWA.

The Commission agreed that the statutory declaration should be signed in addition to the current process and that they should be provided as part of the training provider’s submission.

The CCIWA representative asked that the Commission clarify its position in relation to Criteria 2 of the statutory declaration, which states “proposed training delivery is in a classroom environment and face to face”. She noted that this requirement is inconsistent with the Guidelines and asked if the statutory declaration or Guidelines should be amended.

Following discussion, the Commission **ENDORSED** a motion for Criteria 2 of the statutory declaration to be amended to be consistent with the Guidelines.

Members agreed that options for training delivery should be flexible, so long as they are not online training options.

A UnionsWA representative asked if DMIRS had heard anything about the provider that previously came before the Commission that was trialling an online training format. The Chair asked that DMIRS report back to members regarding this matter.

ACTION

DMIRS to update the *Guidelines and Criteria for accreditation of introductory training courses for safety and health representatives*, to remove “Introductory” from the title page and retain the existing process with the additional requirement for training providers to sign a statutory declaration. The updated Guidelines should then be provided to the Commission for consideration.

ACTION

DMIRS to report back to the Commission regarding the training provider that previously came before the Commission that was trialling an online training format.

2.6 Process for reporting of occupational diseases and health monitoring to DMIRS

The Chair introduced the agenda paper and asked if anyone would like to speak about it.

Dr Matthew Davies explained that the paper was in response to a question he had asked Mr Ian Munns at the previous Commission meeting. He summarised the key points of the report from DMIRS.

The Commissioner advised that WorkSafe has received 150 health surveillance reports relating to silica. He informed members that he went to the 2019 Appointed Medical Practitioner (AMP) Forum hosted by WorkSafe, which was attended by approximately 50 AMPs. The Commissioner explained that the DMIRS Occupational Health, Hygiene and Noise Team provided very specific direction regarding reporting of occupational diseases to AMPs at the Forum. He offered to provide the slides from the Forum and noted that there is a very close network of AMPs in Western Australia, which WorkSafe has regular contact with.

The Commissioner commented that the reporting and health monitoring requirements included in the Occupational Safety and Health Regulations 1996 are more comprehensive than those in the harmonised WHS laws.

ACTION

The Commissioner to provide the presentation slides from the 2019 WorkSafe Appointed Medical Practitioner Forum to the Executive Officer, to be circulated to members.

3 AGENGA ITEMS

3.1 Commission Annual Report 2018-2019

The Chair introduced the *Commission Annual Report* for the 2018-2019 financial year.

The Commission **ENDORSED** the *Commission Annual Report 2018-2019*, for submission to the Minister.

Moved: CMEWA; seconded: UnionsWA.

ACTION

Executive Officer to provide the endorsed *Commission Annual Report 2018-2019*, through the DMIRS approval process, for submission to the Minister.

3.2 Annual Report 2018-2019: Introductory Training Courses for Safety and Health Representatives

The Chair asked members to comment on the *Annual Report 2018-2019: Introductory Training Courses for Safety and Health Representatives* (Annual Report).

There was discussion about traditionally female dominated occupations and reasons why safety and health representative (SHRep) numbers may be low.

The CMEWA representative commented that the graphs in the Annual Report are very helpful and show the areas that should be focused on.

The Commissioner advised that there had been a reduction of approximately 1 500 SHReps over the past four to five years. He spoke about actions that the Commission and DMIRS can take, to improve SHRep numbers in Western Australia. The Commissioner suggested that the Annual Report and the SHRep issue more generally be placed on the first Commission meeting agenda for 2020. He suggested engaging with tertiary institutions.

There was general agreement that the presentation of the Annual Report was significantly better than in previous years.

ACTION

Executive Officer to add the *Annual Report 2018-2019* and Safety and Health Representatives issue more generally to the first Commission meeting agenda for 2020.

3.3 Focus on Quality *TAC Regulatory Strategy 2019-2021*

The Commission **NOTED** the *TAC Regulatory Strategy 2019-2021*.

3.4 Queensland Code of Practice – *Managing respirable crystalline silica dust exposure in the stone benchtop industry*

The Chair introduced the Queensland Code of Practice: *Managing respirable crystalline silica dust exposure in the stone benchtop industry* (Code of Practice) for the Commission's information.

The Commission **ENDORSED** a motion to refer the Code of Practice to the Legislative Advisory Committee (LAC) for consideration.

The Commissioner suggested that the Commission request an update from DMIRS regarding the previous decision to translate the Silica Guidance Note into Mandarin.

ACTION

LAC to consider the Queensland Code of Practice: *Managing respirable crystalline silica dust exposure in the stone benchtop industry*.

ACTION

DMIRS to report back to the Commission regarding the previous decision to translate the Silica Guidance Note into Mandarin.

3.5 ABC Radio Broadcast

The Chair explained that she had heard the linked radio program when it aired, which included information about a proposal in New South Wales for manufactured stone to be banned. She advised that she had primarily included it for the information of Dr Lin Fritschi.

Dr Matthew Davies advised that he had received an email from Dr Fritschi, in which she advised that there was a proposal for a meeting of the National Dust Disease Taskforce to be held in Perth. He offered to provide the link with details for circulation to members.

ACTION

Dr Matthew Davies to provide the link with details regarding the proposal for a meeting of the National Dust Disease Taskforce to be held in Perth to the Executive Officer, for circulation to members.

3.6 Construction Induction Training Course

The Commissioner noted that DMIRS intends to provide the comments received from CISAC, relating to construction induction training (CIT) to the Minister. He asked whether the Commission should also be providing the Minister with advice in relation to CIT.

There was discussion regarding CIT and general consensus that the current training is not getting good outcomes. There was acknowledgement that while the Minister is interested in the issue, CIT is a national course.

A UnionsWA representative suggested that the entire CIT course needs to be redesigned. The Chair proposed that the Commission set up a working group, to develop principles to inform a redesign of the CIT course.

A UnionsWA representative recommended that the Commission, or individual members, make a submission regarding CIT, as part of the ongoing WHS Regulations consultation process.

The CMEWA representative asked if Safe Work Australia is the appropriate body to influence, in relation to CIT, since it is a national system.

A UnionsWA representative advised that CIT has been raised at the Construction Industry Reference Committee, which is developing training packages.

The Commission **ENDORSED** a motion for the Chair to write to the Minister, outlining the Commission's views in relation to Construction Induction Training.

The Commission supported the Chair's offer to provide the draft letter to all members, seeking comments and approval, before the letter is sent to the Minister.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the draft letter should be provided to DMIRS, to allow the department the opportunity to include its views relating to CIT.

ACTION

The Chair to draft a letter to the Minister, outlining the Commission's views in relation to Construction Induction Training. The Chair will provide the draft letter to all Commission members and to officers from DMIRS, seeking comments and approval, before the letter is sent to the Minister.

3.7 National Assessment Instrument Review

The Commissioner noted that it was important for the Commission to be kept informed regarding the National Assessment Instrument Review.

The Commission **NOTED** the update regarding the National Assessment Instrument Review.

4 STANDING ITEMS

4.1 Accreditation of Australia-International Institute of Workplace Training

The Commission **APPROVED** the accreditation of the Australia-International Institute of Workplace Training introductory training course for a period of three years, expiring on 27 September 2022.

Moved: UnionsWA; seconded: Dr Matthew Davies.

4.2 Reaccreditation of Combined Team Services introductory training course

The Commission **APPROVED** the re-accreditation of the Combined Team Services introductory training course for a period of three years, expiring on 31 August 2022.

Moved: CMEWA; seconded: Ms Christina Folley.

5 REPORTS

5.1 Legislative Advisory Committee (LAC)

The Chair provided an update regarding LAC's review of the *Fatigue Management for Commercial Vehicle Drivers* Code of Practice and the *Violence, Aggression and Bullying at Work* Code of Practice, which is being divided into two Codes.

The Commission **NOTED** the LAC report and verbal update by the Chair.

5.2 Construction Industry Safety Advisory Committee (CISAC)

The Commissioner advised that CISAC had finalised comments on the Code of Practice: *Prevention of Falls at Workplaces* at the previous day's meeting. He informed members that the review had been carried out in-line with LAC's approved approach.

The Commissioner provided advice that CISAC has also commenced work on updating the *Excavation Code of Practice*, predicting that a draft should come to the Commission for consideration at the December 2019 meeting.

The Chair congratulated the Commissioner on the progress achieved by CISAC and commented that other Codes of Practice may not be updated for some years.

The Commission **NOTED** the CISAC report and verbal update provided by the Commissioner.

5.3 Mining Industry Advisory Committee (MIAC)

Ms Christina Folley provided a verbal report of the 9 October 2019 MIAC meeting and ran through key issues, including:

- a presentation by Dr Marcus Cattani from Edith Cowan University, about risk-based training for statutory appointees;
- the nano diesel particulate matter research findings and working group;
- the request for feedback on the draft *Mines Safety Bulletin: Managing noise induced hearing loss (NIHL) and baseline audiometric testing in the Western Australian mining industry* (Draft Noise Bulletin);
- information regarding the Work Health and Safety (WHS) Regulations consultation process; and
- an update on the activities of the Mental Health Strategies Working Group.

In response to a question from the CMEWA representative, Ms Folley offered to circulate the link to the landing page of the Mentally Healthy Workplaces resources, on the DMIRS website.

A UnionsWA representative asked what the focus of the discussion at MIAC regarding noise and hearing loss had been. Ms Folley advised that previously industry had been confused about what audiometric testing was required, the Draft Noise Bulletin was created to make requirements clearer. She agreed to provide the Bulletin for circulation to Commission members.

Ms Folley also agreed to circulate the link to the WHS Regulations Consultation webpage, as Commission members said they had been experiencing issues accessing it.

Following discussion about the presentation by Dr Marcus Cattani from Edith Cowan University, the Chair thanked Ms Folley for the update.

The Commission **NOTED** the verbal report given by Ms Folley.

ACTION

Ms Christina Folley to provide the link to the landing page of the Mentally Healthy Workplaces resources to the Executive Officer, for circulation to Commission members.

ACTION

Ms Christina Folley to provide the draft *Mines Safety Bulletin: Managing noise induced hearing loss (NIHL) and baseline audiometric testing in the Western Australian mining industry* to the Executive Officer, for circulation to Commission members.

ACTION

Ms Christina Folley to confirm that the link to the WHS Regulations Consultation webpage is working and then provide to the Executive Officer, for circulation to Commission members.

5.4 Diving Working Group (DWG)

The Commissioner expressed his gratitude for the work of DWG members, in developing the draft *Code of Practice for Occupational Diving in Western Australia* (draft Code). He noted that additional members had joined the DWG in recent months.

The Commissioner commented that the capacity of the working group, to provide input to the Code, has now been exhausted. He noted that the draft Code was not ready for public consultation and recommended that it be given to the DMIRS Safety Regulation Policy area, to be reviewed for accuracy and worked on, before coming back to the Commission.

The Commissioner suggested that, once the Commission is happy with an updated version of the draft Code, it can then be provided to the Minister and recommended for public consultation. He asked whether the DWG should be reconvened to consider feedback received through the comment period.

Following discussion, members agreed that the draft Code did not need to come back to the DWG and that any further committee work could be undertaken by LAC. The Commissioner spoke about international guidance material that could be referred to, to inform the finalisation of the draft Code.

The Commission **ENDORSED** motions for:

- the draft Code to go to the DMIRS Safety Regulation Policy area for review, then back to the Commission for consideration and then be referred to the Minister with a recommendation for a 2-3 month public comment period; and
- the Chair to write to the members of the DWG, thanking them for their contributions.

Moved: UnionsWA; seconded: CCIWA.

The Commission **NOTED** the DWG update provided by the Commissioner and the draft Code.

ACTION

DMIRS Safety Regulation Policy area to review the draft *Code of Practice for Occupational Diving in Western Australia* for accuracy, quality and completeness, then provide an updated draft to the Commission for consideration.

ACTION

The Chair to send letters to the members of the DWG, thanking them for their contributions in developing the draft *Code of Practice for Occupational Diving in Western Australia*.

ACTION

DMIRS to provide the names and contact details of the Diving Working Group members, so the Chair can write to thank them.

5.5 Agricultural Working Group (AWG)

Ms Andrea Roelofs left the meeting at 11.30am.

The Chair provided a summary of the 11 October 2019 AWG meeting.

The Commission **NOTED** the verbal AWG update provided by the Chair.

5.6 Regulatory Activity Report

Ms Lorraine Field asked if there were any questions regarding the Regulatory Activity Report.

There were no questions from members.

The Commission **NOTED** the Regulatory Activity Report to 31 August 2019.

5.7 Fatalities and significant incidents

The Commissioner and a UnionsWA representative discussed the utility of the fatalities and significant incidents report. In response to a comment from UnionsWA, the Commissioner spoke about the process for confirming whether or not a fatality is work-related.

The Commission **NOTED** the fatalities and significant incidents report.

5.8 Coroner's Reports

The Commission **NOTED** the Coroner's report included in the agenda papers.

UnionsWA representatives raised significant concerns regarding the role of WorkSafe in investigating the death of Mr Sean Morgan-Smith on 24 June 2015. Members criticised WorkSafe's handling of jurisdictional issues, which lead to substantial delays in WorkSafe commencing an investigation into Mr Morgan-Smith's death.

UnionsWA representatives asked if work has been done, since the fatality in 2015, to improve WorkSafe's processes, including better communication and cooperation between WorkSafe, Comcare, the WA Police Force (WAPOL) and the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Commission members referred to specific sections of the Coroner's Report and identified a number of major failings in the way WorkSafe had handled the case. It was noted that this had a significant negative impact on Mr Morgan-Smith's family, particularly as the statute of limitation period for prosecution had expired.

The Commissioner thanked members for their comments and advised that he agrees with many of the observations. He advocated for frank and constructive criticism from stakeholders, noting that WorkSafe should be comfortable operating in a contestable environment, to ensure continual improvement in the way WorkSafe operates.

The Commissioner agreed that the Coroner's report makes horrible reading. He informed members that it was acknowledged by WorkSafe that the investigation into Mr Morgan-Smith's death was not dealt with satisfactorily. The Commissioner emphasised the need for the community to have confidence in the regulator. He advised that this case is probably not the only circumstance where the Commission will be disappointed with how WorkSafe has performed its functions.

The Commissioner suggested that, from the Commission's point of view, the appropriate step is to consider whether any guidance material is required to stop a similar death or injury happening again. He noted that the operations of WorkSafe are not the functions of the Commission, but that it is important to provide an understanding of changes currently being undertaken to maintain confidence in the regulator.

The Commissioner outlined steps that are being taken to improve WorkSafe's processes, including:

- significant time building relationships with Comcare, WAPOL, the Road Safety Commission and the Australian Maritime Safety Authority, to improve interagency cooperation;
- the creation of the separate Investigations Directorate within DMIRS, which conducts all serious investigations;
- procedural changes in relation to how investigations are conducted; and
- the identification of specific investigation training requirements for Inspectors.

Reductions in investigation timelines are identified as an important objective of some of these changes and this will be a substantial benefit and address concerns expressed by stakeholders.

The Commissioner suggested that, in order to continue to maintain confidence in WorkSafe, the Director of Investigations at DMIRS could attend a Commission meeting in 2020, to brief members regarding process changes.

The Chair thanked the Commissioner for his comments and asked if the Commission should look at additional guidance material relating to plant. She asked if the Coroner's Report should be referred to LAC.

A UnionsWA representative commented that the issues relating to plant that were raised in the report are very basic OSH issues and are covered by existing guidance material.

A UnionsWA representative suggested that local government should be included in the interagency engagement work that WorkSafe and the Commissioner are doing.

UnionsWA representatives indicated their appreciation to the Commissioner, for responding to the concerns they had raised in relation to the investigation into Mr Morgan-Smith's death.

ACTION

The Director of Investigations at DMIRS to attend a Commission meeting in 2020, to brief members regarding process changes for WorkSafe investigations.

5.9 Exemption certificates

The Commission **NOTED** the two exemption certificates granted since the previous meeting.

6 OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Letter from Department of Health

The Chair introduced a letter the Commission had received from the Department of Health, regarding the review of state health legislation relating to housing. The letter advised that a public consultation period had commenced, seeking comments in relation to three pieces of legislation.

The Commissioner advised that he would be meeting with the Building Commission about the Department of Health review. The Chair asked Commission members to provide any views they have regarding the review of state health legislation relating to housing to the Commissioner.

ACTION

Commission members to provide any comments regarding the review of state health legislation relating to housing to the Commissioner.

7 CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 12.10pm. The next meeting will be held at 1 Adelaide Terrace, East Perth on 6 November 2019.

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HELD ON 16 OCTOBER 2019**

ENDORSED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING

Stephanie Mayman

Chair

Date 7 November 2019