

Comments on the *Work Health and Safety Bill 2014*

Clause (section) of the Model WHS bill	Comment
Clauses 6 (4) and 6 (5)	<p>We strongly support the inclusion of these provisions. They are consistent with the national model legislation and with legislation in other states. They reflect the fact that a financier who may be the legal owner of plant under a financial leasing arrangement or in possession of an item as a result of re-possession or sale following default by a customer does not usually have any control over the item, nor can it influence workplace health and safety outcomes. These provisions will assist in ensuring that responsibility for safety outcomes is appropriately allocated to those with knowledge of the risks and the ability to manage and control them.</p>
General	<p>We support national harmonisation of workplace health and safety laws.</p> <p>We submit that any additional WHS obligations for particular industries should only be imposed where there is a clearly demonstrated need for additional regulation beyond what is already provided for in the comprehensive national model legislation.</p>