



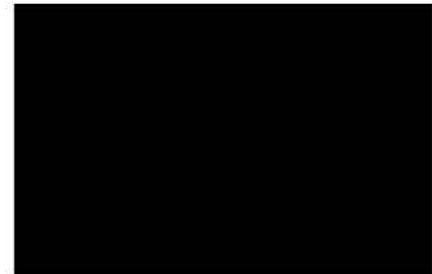
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Dear Mr McCulloch

WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY BILL 2014

The Department of Local Government and Communities welcomes the opportunity for public comment on the Work Health and Safety Bill 2014 (Green Bill). Broad community consultation will deliver equitable and consistent outcomes for volunteers in workplaces across Western Australia.

Approximately 600,000 Western Australian adults – 35% of the adult population – volunteer each year. The economic value of these contributions has been estimated at \$11.5 billion in 2014 alone. Their contribution is supported by State Government's commitment to the volunteering sector outlined in 'Vital Volunteering'.

The proposed legislation complements 'Vital Volunteering', in particular the amendment to Clause 7 to exclude volunteers from the definition of 'worker'. This will address a number of concerns raised by the volunteering sector and ensure Western Australia maintains a strong and vibrant volunteering culture.

This important legislation will deliver a range of benefits to Western Australia.

Yours sincerely

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