

Comments on the *Work Health and Safety Bill 2014*

Clause (section) of the Model WHS bill	Comment
74 (2)	<p>Clause 74 of the WA WHS Bill states:</p> <p>(2) A person conducting a business or undertaking must notify the regulator each time a person is elected, or is taken to be elected, as a health and safety representative for a work group.</p> <p>The above requirement to notify the regulator of Health and Safety representatives by providing a notice every time a new HSR is elected has proved to be overly administrative (more so for the regulator). Queensland government have subsequently removed this requirement from the Act. The Queensland government recognised that this adds little value in regards to minimising risk to health and safety of workers. However, Queensland have retained the clause below to ensure that HSRs are available and known to the workplace.</p> <p>Clause 74 of the Queensland WHS Act 2011 states:</p> <p>List of health and safety representatives A person conducting a business or undertaking must ensure that—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) a list of each health and safety representative and deputy health and safety representative (if any) for each work group of workers carrying out work for the business or undertaking is prepared and kept up to date; and (b) a copy of the up-to-date list is displayed— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) at the principal place of business of the business or undertaking; and (ii) at any other workplace that is appropriate taking into account the constitution of the relevant work group or work groups; <p>in a way that is readily accessible to workers</p> <p>See the WHS Amendment Act: https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/LEGISLTN/ACTS/2014/14AC014.pdf</p>