

Work Health and Safety Commission MINUTES – 7 December 2022

Meeting No:	8	Time:	9.00 am
Venue	Via Microsoft TEAMS	Secretariat:	Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS)

Attendees

Dr Patricia Todd	Chair
Mr Darren Kavanagh	WorkSafe Commissioner (Commissioner)
Dr Matthew Davies	Expert Member
Dr Lin Fritschi	Expert member
Ms Christina Folley	Acting Director Mines Safety, DMIRS
Ms Jennifer Low	Chamber of Commerce and Industry WA (CCI)
Ms Naomi McCrae	UnionsWA
Mr Glenn McLaren	UnionsWA
Mr Owen Whittle	UnionsWA
Ms Laila Nowell	Chamber of Minerals and Energy (CME) (temporary member)

Guests

Mr Chris White	Chief Executive Officer, WorkCover
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Apologies

Mr Glenn McLaren	UnionsWA
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Mr Ian Munns	Deputy Director General, DMIRS
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Executive Support

Ms Helen Brown	Acting Senior Policy Officer, DMIRS
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1 ADMINISTRATION

1.1 Opening and welcome

The Chair opened the meeting, welcoming members.

1.2 Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Mr Ian Munns and Mr Glenn McLaren.

1.3 Confirmation of agenda

The agenda was confirmed as the business of the meeting.

1.4 Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

1.5 Other Business admitted by the Chair

The Chair added to business the WorkCover update that had been inadvertently omitted from the agenda, and an update on silica by Dr Lin Fritschi.

2 PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1 Confirmation of previous meeting minutes

The Commission **ENDORSED** the minutes of WHSC Meeting 7 held on 2 November 2022.

2.2 Review action list from previous meeting

The Chair guided members through the Action List. Comments below reflect items that required further clarification by the Chair.

Action item	Comments
D – The Chairperson will write to SWA to request that their COVID advice be updated.	The Chair noted that COVID advice on the SWA website is currently being updated therefore the letter has not yet been sent.
I - The Commission will seek further information about the former Code of Practice for a particular industry body.	<p>The Chair informed members that the code was never endorsed or approved, but was simply an industry code.</p> <p>A UnionsWA representative and expert member expressed concern that an industry group had misrepresented their industry code of practice as being endorsed and approved by the Commission, and suggested obtaining advice on the matter. This type of incident undermines the Commission. It was suggested that the industry body be contacted.</p> <p>The Chair suggested it may have been a misunderstanding, and this was supported by the WorkSafe Commissioner who had met with the industry body.</p>

Action item	Comments
	Another UnionsWA representative suggested that this matter be discussed further as an agenda item at the next Commission meeting.
O – The Commissioner to work with WorkSafe and Mines Safety Inspectors to update the psychosocial proactive audit checklist for review by the Commission.	The Acting Director Mines Safety, who arrived at the meeting around this time, explained that the WorkSafe Commissioner has been provided with the most recent versions. However, following the Enough is Enough Report, these documents will need further refinement. The current versions are available on the DMIRS website.
P – DMIRS to review the removal of the notification requirement where an RTO's accreditation status with TAC or ASQWA is altered, and provide information to the Commission.	The Worksafe Commissioner will meet with TAC shortly, and will report back to the Commission.

Members **NOTED** the progress of the action items.

ACTION 1

Advice will be sought from DMIRS regarding whether the incorrect claim by an industry body that their code of practice had been endorsed by the Commission is unlawful and what action, if any, should be taken.

ACTION 2

The matter of industry codes, related terminology and their connection with the Commission will be discussed more broadly as an agenda item at the next meeting.

ACTION 3

The psychosocial proactive checklist will be circulated to Commission members for distribution to their membership if appropriate.

NOTE – Items 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.6 and 4.8 were brought forward at this point, to accommodate the WorkSafe Commissioner who had to leave the meeting early.

2.3 Codes of Practice

The agenda paper and accompanying tables provided an update on the progress of development and review of codes of practice. The Chair drew attention to the recommendation by the Legislative Advisory Committee that the Code of Practice: *Styrene*

be revoked and replaced by an information sheet that will contain relevant information from the code. The Commission **ENDORSED** the recommendation that the Code of Practice: *Styrene* be revoked.

The Chair suggested that the format for presenting updates regarding the codes of practice be reviewed and simplified.

The CCIWA representative queried the information that three PAGEO codes will be presented to the Mining and Petroleum Advisory Committee (MAPAC), saying that the Commission had not been consulted regarding the need for these codes. The Chair replied that the codes will ultimately be presented to the Commission, and will be presented to the MAPAC meeting on February 8 2023. The Executive Officer informed the Commission that under the OSH Act, the Mining Industry Advisory Committee was subordinate to the Commission while under the WHS legislation that is not the case for MAPAC. However, it is DMIRS's and the Minister's intention that all codes of practice are endorsed by the Commission. The Acting Director Mines Safety added that, now both the Commission and MAPAC are chaired by the same person, there will be a strong connection between the two groups.

The CCIWA noted the OSH Code of Practice: *Prevention and control of legionnaires disease* has been identified for review, and SWA will be working on an infectious diseases code or guide which should cover this code.

The CME representative queried how the development of the proposed code of practice for the design and management of mining and construction accommodation will proceed. The Acting Director Mines Safety informed members that a paper has been drafted outlining the process of development of the code. Preliminary work is being done, including developing a matrix outlining all other relevant codes and how they interconnect. Development of the code will largely be leveraged off an existing published code.

Commission members **NOTED** the codes of practice update.

ACTION 4

The format for updating the Commission about the progress of developing and reviewing codes of practice will be revised and simplified.

ACTION 5

The Commission will investigate the progress of development of SWA's infectious diseases guidance.

ACTION 5A

The Code of Practice: *Styrene* will be revoked.

2.4 Commission Work Plan

Members were presented with the Commission Work Plan to help inform discussion and consideration of priorities. An expert member suggested reviewing the format of the Commission Work Plan to simplify it and prevent duplication.

The Commission **NOTED** the information provided in the agenda paper and accompanying Commission Work Plan.

ACTION 6

The format and contents of the Commission Work Plan will be reviewed with a view to simplification.

3 ITEMS FOR NOTING

3.1 HSR Training – Updates and Approvals

The Commission is taken to have:

ENDORSED the application to become an HSR training provider approved out of session by the Chair:

Construction Skills Training Centre (trainer Ms Helen Whooley)

ENDORSED the application for an additional trainer, approved out of session by the Chair:

Aveling – Mr Johnny Ruocchio

ENDORSED the application to conduct Refresher training, approved out of session by the Chair:

Training Services Australia Pty Ltd.

3.2 Construction Industry Safety Advisory Committee (CISAC) report – Meeting 18 October 2022

The Commission **NOTED** the CISAC report.

3.3 Mining and Petroleum Committee Advisory Committee (MAPAC) report – Meeting 19 October 2022

No report

3.4 Agricultural Safety Advisory Committee report

No report.

3.5 Legislative Advisory Committee (LAC) Report – Meeting 26 October 2022

The Commission **NOTED** the LAC Report.

3.6 WorkSafe events update

The Commission **NOTED** the WorkSafe events update.

3.7 Regulatory Activity Report

The Commission **NOTED** the Regulatory Activity Report.

3.8 Fatalities and Significant Incidents Report

The Commission **NOTED** the Fatalities and Significant Incidents Report, which included information regarding three work-related fatalities in November 2022

3.9 Exemption certificates

The Commission **NOTED** six exemption certificates, which were for:

- a reduced notification period for removal of asbestos (1);
- items of plant to be registered (2); and
- clearance inspection of asbestos removal sites (3).

3.10 Correspondence

- Minister to Chair – actions arising from Enough is Enough Report
- Chair to Forest Industries Federation – re proposed code of practice
- CCIWA to Chair – Jennifer Low to represent CCIWA on LAC temporarily.

The Commission **NOTED** the correspondence.

4 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

4.1 COVID-19 Pandemic and Recovery

A UnionsWA representative expressed concern that the entitlement to payment for COVID-19 leave is not guaranteed after 31 December 2022, which is of concern given that COVID-19 is rampant within Western Australia. It is possibly an industrial relations issue.

The CCIWA representative stated that Commonwealth and State Departments of Health have determined that there is no political interest in COVID-19 and no community appetite to comply with COVID-19 directives, therefore public messaging has stopped. The CCIWA representative suggested changing messaging to encourage businesses to focus on what controls they might implement during the Christmas period.

An expert member queried whether any data is available regarding the spread of COVID-19 in work places. The impact on employees is very significant because of the difficulty in obtaining staff, and 'long COVID' could further impact the workforce. If public health abandons the field, it is not acceptable for the Commission to do the same. The expert member queried whether there are any statistics on COVID-19 in the workplace. A UnionsWA representative believes that public sector agencies have supplied data on COVID-19 leave to the State Government.

The Chair noted that COVID-19 is not being talked about publicly and consequently it will be very difficult to get any change in behaviour. The WorkSafe Commissioner could be consulted about reminders about COVID-19 safety via social media. The Acting Director Mines Safety suggested that reminders about COVID-19 safety be issued again in the Department's Safety Alerts.

The Commission **AGREED** to retain COVID-19 as a standing item.

ACTION 7

The Commission will request that information about COVID-19 safety be reiterated in the next Safety Alert issued and any other forms of social media that may be appropriate.

4.2 Safe Work Australia (SWA) update

The WorkSafe Commissioner summarised key issues covered at the Safe Work Australia meeting of 21 September 2022:

- SWA agreed on changes to the incident notification provisions, as a result of Recommendation 20 of the Boland review. There will now be a Regulatory Impact Assessment.
- SWA members discussed the potential development of a model code of practice relating to sexual harassment. Further consultation will be conducted and the code may be broader, including other psychosocial hazards (that Western Australia already has covered in three existing psychosocial codes).
- Guidance on infectious diseases is being developed by SWA. Further discussion will take place regarding whether a guide or code is appropriate.
- SWA agreed that changes to the model WHS Regulations should be considered to address Recommendation 33 of the Boland review regarding crane licences.
- The Boland review highlighted the potential for fraud regarding the use of construction induction training cards in Recommendation 30. However, SWA agreed that requiring photographic identification on the training cards is not required.
- SWA is working with Hearing Australia on developing guidance relating to occupational hearing loss.

At this point Christina Folley had to leave the meeting temporarily to assist evacuate the building due to a power outage.

Members **NOTED** the SWA update.

4.3 Transitional provisions

The WHS Regulations contain transitional provisions. The Worksafe Commissioner (“the Commissioner”) responded to items raised at the last meeting regarding transition periods and their expiry, saying that information regarding the transitional provisions has been published by DMIRS.

The Commissioner informed members that certain transition periods will expire in March 2023 and new requirements under the WHS legislation will take effect, such as for asbestos registers, asbestos removal training, asbestos assessors, audiometric testing and high risk licences for reach stackers and material hoists. Anecdotal evidence suggests that industry is not prepared for these new requirements. In some cases it may be because RTOs are not available to deliver new training. This matter requires further discussion and solutions. Following the expiry of transition periods, WorkSafe WA will apply a regulatory approach using appropriate enforcement tools for non-compliance.

The Commissioner is keen to receive feedback from industry regarding practical issues industry may be experiencing that are beyond their control regarding the transition, however industry will have had time to prepare.

The WorkCover representative commented that audiometric testing is of particular interest and relevance to WorkCover. Most testing is done for the purposes of WorkCover. It would be good to see a high degree of integration between the workers compensation and WHS legislation.

The Chair encouraged industry representatives to make members aware of the expiry of transition periods and encourage them to comply with the new requirements in the WHS legislation, and also to notify WorkSafe of any factors preventing them from complying. The Commissioner stated that extension of transition periods may be an option in some cases, such as where there is no training available in Western Australia, although broad scale exemptions are not desirable. The Commissioner suggested there be an agenda item at the next meeting allowing members to raise issues regarding complying with the WHS requirements that take effect following the expiry of transition periods.

Members **NOTED** the summary of matters relating to the WHS transitional provisions.

ACTION 8

At the next Commission meeting, there will be an agenda item scheduled to allow members to raise issues regarding complying with new requirements of the WHS legislation that take effect when the transition periods expire.

4.4 Asbestos Assessors and Asbestos Removal Licences (issues raised)

Members discussed the findings in the agenda paper regarding problems for Class A asbestos removalists. Regulation 473 of the Work Health and Safety (General) Regulations 2022 requires Class A licence holders to engage a licensed asbestos assessor to conduct a clearance inspection of the asbestos removal area. However, difficulty is being experienced by Class A asbestos removalists in obtaining the services of licensed asbestos assessors and none are listed on the WorkSafe website.

The Chair reported that it was found that there is at least 40 licensed asbestos assessors in Western Australia, however they acquired their licenses from other States and WorkSafe does not list these assessors on their website. The Worksafe Service Industries and Specialists Directorate have proposed a temporary solution via listing these assessors on the WorkSafe website.

The Chair noted that the underlying problem is likely to be the cost of \$7,417.00 to apply for an asbestos assessor licence, which is vastly more than in other Australian jurisdictions.

The Commissioner noted that the new provisions relating to asbestos removal are very positive but there is a real problem with the availability of licensed asbestos assessors, particularly in regional areas. Exemptions have been granted in some cases, accompanied by special conditions on the asbestos removalists to ensure the safety standards are not diminished. The cost is based on cost recovery and reflects conditions at the time the costs were assessed, including an audit by the Office of the Auditor General into asbestos management, which led to changes to the operational area. The high cost has had unintended consequences and needs to be addressed.

The Chair proposed that a letter be sent to the Minister expressing concern about the exorbitant cost of asbestos assessor licences that has deterred people from applying for asbestos assessor licences and/or prompted them to obtain the licence interstate.

Commission members **NOTED** the discussion regarding issues with asbestos assessors in relation to asbestos removal licences.

ACTION 9

The Commission will thank the Worksafe Service Industries and Specialists Directorate for their offer to list asbestos assessors trained interstate on the WorkSafe website, and ask that this be done.

ACTION 10

The Commission will write to the Minister expressing concern about the exorbitant cost of asbestos assessor licences and the consequent difficulties created.

4.5 Health and Safety Representative Training - Issues

The Commission discussed the issues raised about Health and Safety Representative (HSR) training that were set out in the agenda paper, which include:

- third party arrangements;
- the necessity (or not) for individual trainers to be attached to the RTO with which they were originally accredited;
- the approval to conduct HSR training in Western Australia only; and
- the need to clarify certain aspects of the Guides.

The Chair stated that it should be emphasised that it is the RTOs' responsibility to ensure certification and quality outcomes, even if training has been sub-contracted out. The third party must be an approved provider and the third party's trainers must be accredited. This needs to be inserted into the *Guide - Operating as an approved provider of health and safety representative (HSR) training in Western Australia* ('the Guide').

The Chair asked members if they consider that RTOs should notify the Commission of third party arrangements. Following discussion, it was **AGREED** that this is not necessary.

The Chair stated that the Commission has the power to ask DMIRS to conduct audits of RTOs, and it might be timely to do so for the purpose of monitoring standards and also as an opportunity to obtain feedback. An expert supported this, saying that there should be auditing capability to maintain integrity. This would be commercially beneficial for RTOs. It was **AGREED** that this matter will be placed on the next agenda to consider the purpose of the auditing and what it would involve.

Individual trainers are approved when attached to an RTO. The Chair asked whether, if a trainer wishes to work with an RTO other than the RTO with which the trainer was originally accredited, does that RTO need to apply to take that person on as an additional trainer? That is, can trainers 'freelance' between RTOs? Following discussion, it was **AGREED** that when an RTO takes on a trainer who is already approved, they simply have to notify the Commission that they are doing so (rather than apply for an additional nominated trainer).

It was also **AGREED** that the Guide would be made more explicit in respect of the following information:

- when an RTO seeks approval to conduct HSR training, their nominated trainer must also be approved at the same time, meaning that the required evidence must be included in the application;
- the sentence "An approved provider must comply with all provisions of the WHS Act and WHS Regulations, the terms and conditions of this publication", which is a broad and ambiguous statement.

It was **AGREED** that, in the email sent to RTOs when they are approved to conduct HSR training, it will be emphasised that training must take place in Western Australia.

The Chair noted that data for 2021-22 of the number of people trained by the RTOs shows that most of the training is conducted by three large RTOs (Training Services Australia, Aveling and WHS Foundation). Also of note is that the three regional TAFEs trained approximately 500 people. Responding to a query regarding Refresher training, the Chair responded that there was an initial flurry of applications from RTOs to be approved to offer Refresher training which has now slowed down.

It was **AGREED** that, along with amending the Guide, an email will be sent to all RTOs who are approved to conduct HSR training clarifying the conditions around engaging other entities to deliver training on their behalf, and clarifying matters surrounding accredited trainers moving between RTOs.

ACTION 11

The *Guide - Operating as an approved provider of health and safety representative (HSR) training in Western Australia* ('the Guide') will be amended to emphasise that when RTOs subcontract out training:

- they remain responsible for certification and quality outcomes; and
- the third party must be approved to deliver HSR training; and
- the third party's trainers must be accredited.

The Guide will also be amended to inform RTOs and trainers that when a trainer begins to work for an RTO other than the RTO with which the trainer was originally approved, that RTO simply has to notify the Commission (rather than apply for an additional nominated trainer).

ACTION 12

The Guide will be amended to clarify the following matters:

- when an RTO seeks approval to conduct HSR training, their nominated trainer must also be approved at the same time, meaning that the required evidence must be included in the application; and
- the sentence "An approved provider must comply with all provisions of the WHS Act and WHS Regulations, the terms and conditions of this publication", which is a broad and ambiguous statement.

ACTION 13

The approval communication to conduct HSR training will be amended to include that training must take place in Western Australia.

ACTION 14

An email will be sent to all RTOs who are approved to conduct HSR training clarifying the conditions around engaging other entities to deliver training on their behalf, and clarifying matters surrounding accredited trainers moving between RTOs

ACTION 15

At the next Commission meeting there will be an agenda item to discuss possible auditing of RTOs.

ACTION 16

The Commission will ask the Safety Education Branch to include statistics relating to Refresher training in the next HSR Annual Report.

4.6 Safe Work Australia (SWA) guides

Commission members discussed issues raised at the Legislative Advisory Committee (LAC) meeting of 26 October 2022 regarding the relationship between WorkSafe and SWA guidance material and whether there was a process for formal recognition of SWA guidance.

The WorkSafe Commissioner drew attention to the WorkSafe Publications Framework that lists and describes the types of WorkSafe publications. The Commissioner also noted that all WHS Commission Codes of Practice include references to SWA guidance that is therefore indirectly endorsed by the Commission. There is an enormous amount of guidance on the SWA website and it would not be feasible to review and endorse it all.

The CCIWA representative clarified the matter raised at the LAC meeting. There are four different types of SWA guides, and approximately ten SWA documents that are the equivalent of a 'guideline' according to the WorkSafe Publications Framework. It is these documents that the CCIWA representative believes the Commission should consider for official recognition. The WorkSafe Commissioner would be agreeable to these documents being reviewed by the Legislative Advisory Committee. The documents are:

- Guide to managing risks of industrial rope access systems
- Working with silica and silica containing products
- Guide for managing the risks of working in heat
- Guide to managing risk in construction: Concrete pumping
- Guide to inspecting and maintaining elevating work platforms
- Guide to managing risk in construction – Prefabricated concrete
- Guide to managing risks of tree trimming and removal work
- Supplementary guidance – Managing risks of storing chemicals in the workplace
- Supplementary guidance – Storage of flammable liquids
- Interpretive guidance – Guide for interpreting the workplace exposure standards

A UnionsWA representative mentioned the difficulty in finding guidance on the WorkSafe website, but acknowledged that the website has been 'tidied up' recently. The design of the website assumes that viewers have a significant base level of understanding. A 'landing page' describing how codes and guidance align would be very helpful.

The Chair commented that the WorkSafe Publications Framework appears to be for internal use. The Acting Director Mines Safety commented that it has proved very beneficial, given that the Directorate is becoming part of WorkSafe and it will help provide consistency.

A UnionsWA representative commented on the continual use of the word 'guides' for all categories of guidance documents, which creates confusion.

The WorkSafe Commissioner noted that the WorkSafe Publications Framework is a starting point that can be improved over time. The Chair thanked the Commissioner for sharing it.

Commission members **NOTED** the discussion regarding SWA guides and their interaction with WorkSafe publications.

ACTION 17

The guidance material listed above will be referred to LAC for review.

4.7 Enough is Enough Report

The Commission has a clear directive in the form of the letter from the Minister (agenda item 3.10A) concerning the development of a code of practice for the design and management of mining and construction accommodation. No additional response is required by the Commission at this point.

4.8 Update – Proposal for development of Code of Practice – WA Public Sector

The Commission discussed the proposed Code of Practice: *Work, health, safety and injury management system for the WA Public Sector*, as outlined in the agenda paper. The Code will provide a framework for a systematic approach to managing health and safety, injury management and return-to-work programs in public sector workplaces, supported by practical guidance. The WorkSafe Commissioner indicated that it is intended to complete the code by the middle of 2023.

A UnionsWA representative noted that the proposed code does not address unique hazards that are prevalent in the public sector such as the psychosocial hazards arising from vicarious trauma. The psychosocial codes only address this matter briefly. The number of workers compensation claims for psychosocial injuries in the public sector is concerning. There is not enough preventative work being done in some areas of the public sector. The UnionsWA representative felt that this issue would be better dealt with in the public sector code rather than the psychosocial codes as suggested by the Chair.

The WorkSafe Commissioner suggested an initial scoping activity by LAC.

NOTE – the WorkSafe Commissioner had to leave the meeting at this point (approximately 10.10am).

An expert member queried whether the code includes local government with its unique associated hazards. Local government manages its own workers compensation scheme which means some of the issues are not as evident. The Chair suggested that this be taken as a question on notice.

The CCIWA representative queried that the code covers injury management which normally falls outside the jurisdiction of the WHS legislation. The WorkCover representative advised that the public sector code has always included injury management and included WorkCover and the Insurance Commission of Western Australia as part of the holistic management. There are injury management issues in the public sector.

Commission members **NOTED** the update on the development of a code of practice for the public sector.

ACTION 18

The Commission will seek clarification regarding the scope of the code of practice for the public sector, including the matter of hazards unique to the public sector such as exposure to vicarious trauma, and whether the scope includes local government.

4.9 Safe Work Method Statements

The Commission **NOTED** the intention of DMIRS to remove from the WorkSafe website outdated information that was approved by the Commission for Occupational Safety and Health regarding Safe Work Method Statements (SWMS), and thanked DMIRS staff for drawing attention to this. Regulation 299 of the Work Health and Safety (General Regulations) 2022 also requires a SWMS for high risk construction work. This is covered extensively in the Code of Practice: *Construction Work* (pp 24-28) and includes a reference and link to the Safe Work Australia *Information sheet: Safe work method statement for high risk construction work* which will be listed on the “Toolkits and information resources – Construction” section of the website.

4.10 WorkCover Report

The WorkCover Chief Executive Officer (CEO) provided a WorkCover update, including that the WorkCover WA Conference 2022 was very successful with interesting conversations and engagement. There is still work to be done concerning the challenges with the intersection between workers compensation and safety. WorkCover’s new legislation is almost finalised and is likely to go to Parliament early in 2023. The WorkCover CEO has met with the respiratory physicians who sit on a Dust Diseases Panel who remarked on the relatively few silicosis claims. In response to a question about trends, the WorkCover CEO responded that psychological claims are very prominent.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 Silica update

Dr Lin Fritschi commented that in the first quarter of 2023 the National Silicosis Prevention Strategy and National Action Plan will be released for consultation along with the Decision Regulatory Impact Statement (DRIS). There is still a lot of work to be done in this field. The CCIWA representative stated that the strategy is very ambitious and does not reflect the National Dust Diseases Taskforce findings or the All of Government Response. The Chair noted that the CFMEU plans to ban its members from working with materials containing silica in 2024.

The CCIWA representative also commented that plans for the National Occupational Respiratory Disease Registry are advanced. This presents an opportunity for the Commission to suggest to the Department of Health suggesting that the Centre for Disease Control (CDC) could have a role in the collection of data and surveillance of occupational diseases. Ideally the CDC could also investigate mechanisms to increase industry/occupation coding for data sets that they will work with, to enable occupational outbreaks of infectious diseases to be identified and addressed.

Dr Fritschi commented that occupational health is out of scope for the CDC and should not be because:

- work is such a big part of our lives;
 - work exposures and work diseases affect not just the worker but the family and surrounding environment; and
- control of work exposures is relatively easy because the WHS laws are extremely powerful.

ACTION 19

The Chair will liaise with the CCIWA representative when writing to the Department of Health suggesting the Centre for Disease Control include occupational health in its scope and have a role in the collection of data and surveillance of occupational diseases.

6.0 CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at approximately 11.35am.

The next meeting is scheduled for 1 February 2023.

MINUTES OF MEETING NO: 8 OF THE WORK HEALTH AND COMMISSION HELD ON 7 DECEMBER 2022

ENDORSED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING

Dr Trish Todd

Chair

Date