

## BULLETIN

# VACC Occupational Health, Safety and Environment



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### Model Work Health and Safety Laws Review

VACC Members who conduct work or have a business in South Australia, New South Wales, Tasmania or Queensland will be aware of the implementation of model Work Health and Safety (WHS) Laws across 2012/2013. As agreed by WHS Ministers in the states and territories that implemented the laws, Safe Work Australia was asked to examine and report on the content and operation of the model WHS laws after 5 years of operation.

The review will be evidence-based and propose actions that may be taken by WHS Ministers to improve the model WHS laws, or identify areas of the model WHS laws that require further analysis following the review. The model WHS laws review is broad and will check if the model WHS laws are operating as intended. Safe Work Australia have engaged an independent reviewer to conduct the review and it will be finalised by the end of 2018.

The VACC OHSE Unit was heavily involved in the drafting of model WHS laws and has assisted many members with its implementation across the states. The VACC OHSE Unit will put forward a submission on the review of the model WHS laws. The VACC OHSE Manager is working with the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, other industry associations, as well as consulting directly with the Independent Reviewer.

A written submission addressing the review discussion paper and questions is due by 13 April 2018. The VACC OHSE Unit urges members operating under the WHS laws to provide any feedback to Patrick D'Alessandri (VACC OHSE Manager).

For further queries please contact Patrick D'Alessandri, VACC OHSE Manager on 03 9829 1138 or by email [pdalessandri@vacc.com.au](mailto:pdalessandri@vacc.com.au).

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