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CEO MESSAGE

ALP presents its workplace health and safety policy

Dear Colleagues,

So far in the 2016 Federal election campaign, the issue of workplace health and safety has only been mentioned in the most general terms, so the SIA invited the four major parties – Liberals, Nationals, Labor and the Greens – to articulate their WHS policies and answer some key questions.

Only the ALP responded by the deadline.

The parties are not entirely silent on health and safety, usually addressing the issues to some extent within their industrial relations policies - and the Greens have some unique WHS policies on their website. However, given the impact of workplace injury, illness and death on the economy, Australian families and the wider community, the lack of response from three of the four main political parties is disappointing.

Last year, somebody died in an Australian workplace every 48 hours, and nearly 30 people were severely injured and disabled every single day. The social and economic costs to the community are massive. This issue is too important to be sidelined.

The issue of health and safety has become entrenched in the politics of industrial relations, and that's something we as a profession need to seek to influence. Health and Safety isn't just an industrial relations issue – it's a public health, social and economic issue.

[Click here](#) to view the ALP's Health and Safety policies.

Have a great week!

Kind Regards,

Dave Clarke

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NEWS & UPDATES

How OHS at Laing O'Rourke benefits from disruption

Technology is impacting the application of OHS in the workplace in a number of ways and this will have significant ramifications for OHS professionals in the future, according to Laing O'Rourke.

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How to handle mental illness in the workplace

There needs to be a shift in workplaces so that practices that promote mental health and wellbeing are just as embedded into workplace culture as those about physical health and safety, according to NSW Mental Health Commissioner John Feneley.

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QLD: Regulator sounds caution over injuries from falls

Workplace injuries as a result of falls at ground level or



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from height are alarmingly common among Queensland businesses, according to WorkCover Queensland, which said employers need to do more to reduce injuries associated with such incidents.

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Warning issued over air traffic controller fatigue

Air traffic controllers around Australia will soon be working to new rosters that will see them working more weekends, and losing up to 34 clear days off each year, bringing passenger and workplace safety into question, according to the air traffic controllers' union.

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POLICY NEWS

NSW: \$2 million quad bike safety package in budget

The upcoming NSW Budget will include a \$2 million package to reduce quad bike tragedies and injuries on farms.

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VIC: Safety alert issued over quarry incident

WorkSafe Victoria recently issued a safety alert regarding a recent incident at a quarry when a dump truck was tipping waste material over the crest of a dump head and the slope failed.

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WA: Warning on falsified high risk work licences

WorkSafe WA has issued a warning to carefully check high risk work licences after recently discovering a number of falsified licences.

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NSW/VIC border construction sites get help with safety

Inspectors from WorkSafe Victoria and SafeWork NSW will join forces this week to increase understanding of interstate safety requirements for construction companies working on either side of the border.

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VIC: Builder fined \$300,000 after wall collapse kills carpenter

A builder was recently convicted and fined \$300,000 in the Victorian County Court over an incident in which a carpenter died after being crushed by a brick wall on a construction site at Brighton East.

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John Holland fined \$130,000 over concrete drain pipe accident

Construction company John Holland has been convicted and fined \$130,000 over an incident that endangered the lives of two Adelaide motorists.

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WA: Company fined \$50,000 over train loader injury

An infrastructure company has been fined \$50,000 in WA over an incident in 2011 that resulted in a worker having both legs amputated below the knee.

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NSW: Hunter man found guilty of workers comp fraud

A truck driver in NSW's Hunter Valley has been found guilty of workers compensation fraud, fined and sentenced to a 12 month intensive corrections order after making claims with three different employers and continuing to work.

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SIA invites Members to comment on proposed ISO 45001 DIS

Publication of the long-awaited new international standard for occupational health and safety – ISO 45001 DIS – has been delayed. This provides interested SIA Members with a valuable opportunity to provide additional feedback on the proposed standard.

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In the lead up to the **SIA National Safety Convention** on September 5-8, the Safety Institute of Australia announces the second raft of keynote speakers for the annual conference. The **SIA National Safety Convention** brings together stakeholders in the health and safety profession, including the profession, regulators, business and unions, to talk

about what's working with existing approaches, as well as new ideas and leadership.

This year, some of the best national and international speakers have been invited to explore the theme of **Disruptive Safety**. The second plenary session at **#SIAConvention16** will challenge delegates to cast their critical gaze forwards to the **Future of Work**. Featuring forward-thinking presentations from **Bernard Salt**, **Peter Gahan** and **Richard Coleman**, the session promises to spur on much debate and discussion.

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TASMANIAN SAFETY SYMPOSIUM & TRADE SHOW

Thursday 21 July 2016 | Tas Hockey Centre, Newtown



Early Bird Registrations Close Thursday 30th June

The Safety Institute of Australia invites you to the 2016 Tasmanian Safety Symposium and Trade Show on Thursday 21st July, 2016. This highly anticipated event features an excellent program of contemporary, industry leading speakers and presentations that will challenge your thinking about safety.

The symposium will focus on local issues and emerging risks, and the strategic direction of

WHS in Australia. The concurrent trade show will offer a fantastic opportunity to access leading safety suppliers and vendors under one roof.

Find out more about the program [HERE](#).

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CONFERENCES & EVENTS

24 Jun	QLD: Young Safety Professionals Event
29 Jun	TAS: Construction WHS Issues Forum
14 Jul	SA: OHS 70 Years On Seminar
14-15 Jul	QLD: Visions Conference 2016
20 Jul	WEBINAR: Doing Safety Differently
21 Jul	TAS: Safety Symposium & Trade Show 2016
27 Jul	SA: Mindful Employer Workshop
28 Jul	NSW: Mindful Employer Workshop



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