



Ministerial Advisory Panel on Safety Legislation Reform Out of Session

Progress update: 28 January 2015

Work Health and Safety (Mines) Bill and regulations

Drafting of the Work Health and Safety (Mines) Bill has commenced.

On 23 October 2014, WorkSafe tabled its *Work Health and Safety Bill 2014* ('the Green Bill') in Parliament for public comment. Submissions must be sent to the Department of Commerce by 30 January 2015. For further information on WorkSafe's Green Bill, please refer to the Department of Commerce website: <https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/worksafe/work-health-and-safety-bill-2014>

In 2015, a DMP officer will be working part-time with WorkSafe, to ensure consistency in the development of WHS regulations for mines and for general industry. A WorkSafe officer will also be invited to attend future MAP meetings during development of the regulations.

Regulatory Impact Statement – consolidation of safety legislation

The consultation period for the Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) for the preferred option for consolidating the safety legislation for mines, petroleum and major hazard facilities closed on 19 December 2014.

Marsden Jacob received 29 submissions. The non-confidential submissions were published on the Marsden Jacob's webpage:

<http://www.marsdenjacob.com.au/structural-reform-resources-safety-legislation-wa/>

Marsden Jacob are preparing the Decision Regulatory Impact Statement. This is expected to be finalised by 31 January 2015. Following approval by the Regulatory Gate Keeping Unit, the Minister will consider the Regulatory Impact Statement around March 2015.