DRAFT CODE OF PRACTICE

**MANAGING ELECTRICAL RISKS IN THE WORKPLACE**

# Public consultation submission

This draft code of practice has been developed by the Commission for Work Health and Safety (the Commission) under the *Work Health and Safety Act 2020* (the WHS Act).

The WHS Act provides for the approval, variation, and revocation of codes of practice by the Minister. Under section 275 of the WHS Act, the Minister may only approve a code of practice if it was developed by a process that involves consultation between the unions and employer organisations.

This draft code of practice is intended to assist a person conducting a business or undertaking (PCBU) to manage electrical risks in the workplace. It applies to all workplaces where a PCBU has management or control of electrical equipment, including electrical installations. The draft code provides guidance on the risk management process, specific electrical hazards and controls, working de-energised, working near energised electrical parts, work in roof spaces, tools and equipment, high-voltage electrical work and electricity in mines.

While this draft code provides general guidance and will assist a PCBU in meeting their obligations under the WHS Act, electrical work is covered under the Electricity (Licensing) Regulations 1991 (ELR) and regulated by Building and Energy. Any PCBU or worker conducting electrical work must comply with the requirements of the ELR and guidance material developed by Building and Energy.

The Commission’s objective is to promote comprehensive and practical preventive strategies that improve the working environment of Western Australians and seeks your comments about the draft code of practice from Friday 11 August 2023 to Friday 3 November 2023.

**Submissions close: 5.00 pm WST, Friday 3 November 2023.**

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