

COME HOME SAFE - FUTURE CHALLENGES

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Changing workplace environment

- Casualisation/contracting
- High employment/strong economic climate
- Mobility/workers from overseas
- Extended working hours
- Complex work environments

Community agenda

- The moral agenda and community expectations
- Corporate social responsibility/the triple bottom line
- Links with the environment
- Competing priorities (production)

The Australian National agenda

- Occupational safety and health on the Council of Australian Governments agenda – “hot spot”
- Push for national consistency
- Model legislation
- Consistent compliance and enforcement policies

Relevance of regulatory environment

- Diverse workplaces – one size does not fit all
- Encourage innovation
- Focus on prevention
- Focus on systems
- Balance education and enforcement

Performance

- Significant improvements since the 1980's
- Plateauing of reductions in LTID's and fatalities
- The next step change

The Goal

- The working environment is safe and healthy for every worker in every workplace throughout Western Australia.
 - Workplaces are different
 - Workers have different needs
 - The safety and health goal is the same for all