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HWSA - Profile

The Heads of Workplace Safety Authorities (HWSA) is a group comprising the General Managers (or their representatives) of the peak bodies responsible for the regulation and administration of OHS in Australia and New Zealand.

HWSA is committed to cross-jurisdictional harmonisation and contributing towards the achievement of the targets of the National OHS Strategy 2002-2012, which include a 20% reduction in the incidence of work-related fatalities and a 40% reduction in the incidence of workplace injury by 30 June 2012.

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HWSA – Profile (contd)

HWSA undertakes national compliance campaigns targeted at specific hazards within industries that have been identified as national priority areas. These campaigns facilitate the development of a nationally consistent approach to priority areas, while providing the flexibility to tailor campaigns according to the unique characteristics of each jurisdiction.

HWSA is committed to providing a balance of information, assistance and enforcement activity that improves the capability of industry to conduct business safely, while minimising health and safety risks and identifying casual factors for non-compliance.

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HWSA – Vision

To promote and implement best practice in occupational health and safety (OHS) in Australia and New Zealand in the areas of policy and legislative matters, education and enforcement.



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HWSA – Objectives

- **provide** a forum for discussion of matters of interest to agencies responsible for the administration of OHS in Australia and New Zealand.
- **generate** and implement joint national activities.
- **consider** practical issues associated with the administration and implementation of OHS legislation and agree to nationally consistent approaches.
- **cooperate** with Safe Work Australia (SWA) and facilitate the achievement of national goals including the National OHS Strategy.
- **review** the efficacy of national and jurisdictional strategies in improving OHS performance.
- **liaise** with the Heads of Workers Compensation Authorities (HWCA) and where appropriate engage in joint projects.

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HWSA Membership

Name

Role

Representing

John Watson
Michele Patterson
Steve Kibble
Stan Krpan
Simon Blackwood

Chair
HWSA Member
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