

Change of WorkCover NSW to SafeWork NSW

Hello,

As you may be aware, the Government recently made an [announcement](#) regarding structural reforms to the operation and regulation of statutory insurance schemes in NSW, including WorkCover NSW.

The reforms, as set out in the [State Insurance and Care Governance Act 2015](#), have now passed legislation and been [officially proclaimed](#) by the Governor of NSW, as in force as of Tuesday 1 September 2015.

This Act addresses the inherent conflict of interest between the operation and regulation of workers compensation and allows for a dedicated focus on work health and safety.

The organisations created by this Act are:

1. **SafeWork NSW** the independent work health and safety regulator
2. **State Insurance Regulatory Authority (SIRA)** the independent insurance regulator
3. **Insurance & Care NSW** a single customer-focused insurance and care service provider.

Further information about the reforms is available at insurancereforms.nsw.gov.au.

As the Executive Director of SafeWork NSW, I can assure you that while we transition our systems and processes from WorkCover NSW to SafeWork NSW, we remain focused on the prevention of work related injuries and illnesses and effective return to work programs.

The full range of our services continues to be offered across the whole of NSW:

- Our Inspectorate continues to provide advice, as well as undertake compliance and enforcement activities and conduct investigations.
- Our existing partnerships, sponsorships, agreements and MOUs remain in place as we work towards mutually beneficial outcomes.
- Our authorised training and assessment providers continue to provide critical services to our customers on our behalf.
- We continue to recognise WorkCover NSW authorised licences, authorisations and certificates.
- Information, assistance and advice continues to be available via the SafeWork NSW website (www.safework.nsw.gov.au) and our Customer Service Centre (13 10 50).

Going forward we will be engaging and consulting with our stakeholders groups about our future as SafeWork NSW and how we can provide customer centric services that enable prevention of harm in the workplace.

Kind regards,

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