



Survey Response

Review of the Federal Safety Commissioner

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Please share your views on the effectiveness of the Federal Safety Commissioner and/or the WHS Accreditation Scheme in improving WHS performance.

I believe the detailed criteria set by FSC has been helpful and generally constructive in building up solid process in our systems.

Do you recommend any changes to the functions and powers of the Federal Safety Commissioner or the requirements of the WHS Accreditation Scheme?

I would like to see the FSC being a leader in changing how Safety is applied on the ground. For example The tier ones have so many levels of paperwork that the average person on the ground has no clue of what really is pertinent to them. Less paperwork and more focus on actual safety would be good. Tier ones have complicated SWMS and Safety Operating procedures and in some cases ignoring risks to only have high risks SWMS . When you read the SWMS, a person does not get the logical sequence of work and associated risks. Being a Principle and a Subbie on projects makes having one system difficult.