Feedback wanted for WA's new Work Health and Safety regulations

Public consultation commences for McGowan Government's Work Health and Safety regulations that will support the proposed Work Health and Safety Bill

Information sessions will be held throughout September

The McGowan Government is inviting Western Australians to have their say on the proposed Work Health and Safety regulations.

The consultation package for the regulations contains three distinct sets including: regulations for general industry (but many will apply across all industries); the mining sector; and for the petroleum and geothermal sector.

Both industry and worker organisations advocated that the Union Right of Entry provisions should not be included, but instead be left within Western Australia's Industrial Relations laws. As a consequence, the proposed WHS regulations for Western Australia do not include Union Right of Entry provisions.

Comprehensive information sessions on the proposed sets of regulations will be delivered across the State to accompany the release of the consultation package.

Western Australians are encouraged to attend the information sessions in Perth, Albany, Esperance, Karratha, Newman, Geraldton, Mandurah, Kalgoorlie, Broome, Port Hedland, Midland and Dongara during September.

The public consultation period closes on Tuesday November 26, 2019. For more information, visit http://www.dmirs.wa.gov.au/WHSregsreview

Comments attributed to Industrial Relations Minister Bill Johnston:

"The McGowan Government is committed to improving workplace safety in Western Australia and ensuring that any changes to legislation are focused on ensuring workers' health and safety.

"I encourage the community to have their say on the modernisation of WA's work health and safety laws, which is long overdue.

"I look forward to reviewing the feedback once the consultation period closes."

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