



# Improving WH&S Outcomes An Action Plan for the Timber Industry

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# Action Plan Development:

- Aim:
  - Prepare an industry-led Action Plan to improve WH&S outcomes and reduce WorkCover premiums for the whole forest & timber industry.
- Plan Development
  - Oversight by TQ WH&S Standing Committee
  - Involvement by parts of WH&SQ and by WorkCover
  - Other parties on a needs basis

# Action Plan Development:

- Responsibilities:
  - TQ developing Action Plan with input from others
  - Implementation by TQ where appropriate
  - Promotion of plan with relevant parties where external information / resources are required
- Status:
  - Work in progress

# Seven Priority Areas:

1. Changing attitudes
2. Improving WH&S systems
3. Addressing high risk sectors and areas with high injury rates
4. Availability of resources to assist
5. Policy changes / legal requirements
6. Integration with Government initiatives
7. WorkCover Claims

# Example Issue:

4. Availability of resources to assist industry
  - Developing and collating relevant information
  - Getting reliable general and specialist advice
  - Securing low-cost services

# Example Actions - Resources:

- Information:
  - Collate and organise existing timber industry information and relevant resources.
  - Update resources in light of harmonisation
  - Reinstate and upgrade timber industry WH&S website.
  - Develop TQ member-only WH&S resources.
  - Establish and maintain a Safety Alert system.
  - Develop case studies of good practice for key areas of interest.

# Example Actions - Resources:

- Advice:
  - Seek formal arrangements with WH&SQ to provide industry-specific advice / assistance (e.g. Timber Industry liaison officer)
  - Identify competent WH&S consultants that do / can specialise in the Timber Industry
- Services
  - Investigate cut-price WH&S services for TQ members (e.g. hearing tests)

# Next Steps:

- Finalise draft
  - Identify actions and priorities
- Consult with TQ members
- Consult with other parties
  - WH&SQ
  - WorkCover
  - Qcomp
- Release final Action Plan – target end 2011
- Promote and implement

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