



## OFFSHORE SAFETY WORKSHOP PERTH 22 OCTOBER 2018

Level 25 St Martins Tower  
44 St Georges Terrace, Perth WA  
14:00 – 17:00

Facilitator: Department of Industry, Innovation and Science (DIIS)

Attendees: Representatives from oil and gas companies, third-party contractors, industry associations, training providers, workforce, health and safety representatives and union officials.

Reading material: [Safety Review Terms of Reference](#) and [Melbourne Safety Workshop Report](#).

*Tea and coffee and afternoon tea provided on arrival*

When	What	Who
14:00 – 14:15	<b>1. Welcome</b> <i>Overview of the Offshore Safety Review</i>	DIIS
14:15 – 14:45	<b>2. Introductions</b> <i>Discuss your role and your interest in offshore safety</i> <i>Discuss your expectations for the offshore safety review</i>	Attendees
14:45 - 15:45	<b>3. Identify key issues and concerns</b> <i>Discuss issues and concerns raised during the Melbourne (August) workshop</i> <i>Raise any issues/concerns missing from this list that should be considered in the Safety Review</i> <i>Define and determine the factors that make it an issue/concern</i>	Attendees
15:45 – 16:30	<b>4. Explore key issues and concerns</b> <i>Describe an outcome statement (what 'good' would look like) for each issue/concern</i> <i>Describe how realising the outcome will improve offshore safety compared to the current situation</i>	Attendees
16:30 – 16:45	<b>5. Safety Review – Plan and Timeframes</b> <i>Next steps for the Safety Review</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Consultation avenues</li><li>- Next steps</li></ul>	DIIS
16:45 – 17:00	<b>6. Meeting Close/Questions</b>	DIIS

## Overview

- The second public workshop of the safety review was held in Perth on 22 October 2018, to give stakeholders another opportunity to raise concerns and issues about the current Offshore Safety regime.
- Positive aspects and views of the regime and associated legislation were not specifically discussed as part of the workshop, but were raised by some stakeholders.
- Views about aspects of the regime which stakeholders consider to work well will be sought in response to issues papers the department is developing for consultation.

## Identification and exploration of key issues and concerns

- The Chair provided an overview of the outcomes of the Safety Workshop held in Melbourne in August 2018.
- Feedback was sought by the Chair on the concerns and issues raised during the Melbourne workshop from the Perth workshop attendees.
- The issues/concerns from the attendees at the Perth workshop are listed below (without a ranking).
  - Safety Case
    - Level of detail
    - Accessibility
    - Level of consultation
    - Guidance from NOPSEMA on consultation for safety cases for greenfields (new) and ongoing projects.
    - Safety case
      - Good - risk management/Major Accident Events (MAE)
      - HSRs
      - Issue resolution (safety)
      - Worker involvement in greenfields safety case
  - Due diligence on titleholder/operator and their capability.
  - NOPSEMA
    - Consistency of review and decision making
    - Consultation on draft guidelines
    - Funding and resourcing
    - Impact of guideline changes on existing approvals
    - Lack of confidence in NOPSEMA
    - Differences in approach between NOPSEMA's divisions
    - Need a strong regulator, coercive – punitive
    - Regulator communication/sharing
    - Actioning HSR requests/issues
    - Independence/operation of NOPSEMA
    - Random visits by NOPSEMA
    - Anonymous reporting to NOPSEMA
    - Transparency of outcomes from NOPSEMA
  - Clarity of responsibilities
  - Lessons from the incident at Longford, an onshore gas production and gas processing plant
  - Differences in safety management systems and training/induction and introduction for staff
  - Prevention of Major Accident Events and management of day-to-day personnel safety have different considerations and approaches
  - HSRs

- Training of HSRs to talk to NOPSEMA
- Consultation with HSRs on regulations/rules/etc.
- Contractors and HSRs
- Protections for HSRs
- Time allocation for HSR roles/functions
- Individual versus corporate responsibilities
- Harmonisation
  - Harmonisation/consistency across states and the Commonwealth
  - Harmonisation across definitions in offshore regulations
- Prescriptive versus objectives based
- Timing
  - HSR training
  - NOPSEMA inspections/investigations
- Worker qualifications – formal standards
- Management of mobile facilities

### **Safety Review – Plan and Timeframes**

- The Chair outlined the department’s stakeholder engagement plan and points where there would be public consultation.
- The Chair advised that the department is developing a Consultation Plan, which will be published on the department’s website once finalised.
- The Chair confirmed that the department would consider the submissions and transcripts from the Senate WHS Inquiry as part of the Safety Review and will consider the [merit and practicality of the recommendations](#).
- The Chair confirmed that where possible, the department would publish papers and reports as well as meeting notes from SSG meetings.
- The Chair thanked members for attending the workshop and advised that an online evaluation survey will be sent out to attendees.