



**SOUTH AUSTRALIAN  
CORONER'S  
COURT**

State Coroner's Court  
302 King William Street  
Adelaide SA 5000

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Hon Adele Farina MLC  
Chair, Inquiry into WorkSafe Western Australia  
Legislative Council Committee Office  
Parliament House  
4 Harvest Terrace  
WEST PERTH WA 6005

Dear Chair

Thank you for your letter dated 13 November 2017 and I apologise for the delay in my reply. I will attempt to answer your questions in the order you have presented them.

*Does SafeWork SA share copies of their investigation reports with the Coroner?* - Yes.

*Are there any limitations on the information that the Coroner is able to access from SafeWork SA?* - When reporting to the Coroner SafeWork SA does not include internal correspondence/documentation peripheral to the investigation in order to provide a more structured report. SafeWork SA will not release a document subject to legal professional privilege.

*If SafeWork SA does not share some information with the Coroners Court what are the reasons given by SafeWork SA?* - SafeWork SA does not provide non-relevant administrative working documents such as correspondence, emails, fax receipts, etc.

*Does the Coroner undertake their investigations into a death concurrently with SafeWork SA?* - Yes.

*Does SafeWork SA hamper or delay the Coroner's investigations in any way?* - Delays in providing final investigation reports, or other Court proceedings, may delay the finalisation of a coronial inquiry or Inquest.

*Does SafeWork SA publish any educational material containing Coroner's recommendations regarding a workplace death?* - Not known.

*Does the Coroners Court have a strong working relationship with SafeWork SA and is there an efficient sharing of information between the two offices?* - The administration of the Coroners Court has an appropriate working relationship with SafeWork SA. Senior management in both the Coroners Court and SafeWork SA meet on an annual basis, or more frequently if required, to discuss efficiencies in the working relationship.

Yours sincerely

  
**Mark Johns**  
**STATE CORONER**