

Public Administration Committee

From: Hutchins, Hilton
Sent: Friday, 14 July 2017 1:12 PM
To: Public Administration Committee
Cc:
Subject: FW: Work safe Investigation - Galleria explosion February 2015

Dear Committee

I was prompted to send you a copy of an email which I had sent to the minister on the 29 June 17 after hearing on the news Wednesday 12-7-17 of your pending enquiry into Work safe WA.

Taking into account that my sons accident which was one of the biggest incidents in WA workplace history we thought that this investigation would have been address in a more timely and professional manner.

One of the issues which has been particularly disappointing is the fact that we have had to make contact with Work safe every time we need an update, not once did Work safe ever call us to let us know how the case was progressing.

Work safe have since been in touch with us since the letter to the Minister was sent so only time will tell if we can get some well over due answers to our many questions.

Regards

Hilton Jenny and Luke Hutchins

From: Hutchins, Hilton
Sent: Thursday, 29 June 2017 2:06 PM
To: 'Minister.Johnston@dpc.wa.gov.au'
Cc:
Subject: Work safe Investigation - Galleria explosion February 2015

Hon. William (Bill) Joseph Johnston MLA

Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Commerce and Industrial Relations; Electoral Affairs; Asian Engagement

Dear Bill

Firstly I do apologise for my letter writing skills!!

I am writing to you in regards to concerns I have about Work safe who are investigating the explosion at the Galleria Shopping Centre in Morley on the 3rd February 2015 where our youngest son Matthew Hutchins and Alan Cummins were tragically killed and left Glenn Smith and Dave Richardson seriously injured.

Up until now we have been very patient and have followed the so called process, however as it has now been 2 ½ years since the accident we still keep getting told by _____ from Work safe that it is going to their lawyers in the next 4 weeks, this has been the excuse we have had each time we have contacted them. I called _____ again this week and the answer was the same as always, it was going to be handed to their lawyers in August!

As our case is rapidly approaching 3 years we would like closure to the reasons behind the accident ,you cannot start to imagine the pain and grieving our family are going thru and to make it feel even worse when you keep getting told the same old excuses. I am not sure of the reasons for getting the same answers whether it is a workload, staffing or attitude problem within Work safe but whatever it is its not helping us.

As a matter of urgency apart from our personal grief I am led to believe the coroner cannot progress until Work safe has completed their investigation. With this in mind we would hope that no other workers are injured or killed by the same type of equipment failure that killed Matthew and Alan therefore we imagined a matter of urgency would have applied to this case.

Best regards

Hilton Jenny and Luke Hutchins