



4th August 2017

Hon Adele Farina MLC
Chair
Public Administration Committee
WA Parliament
Harvest Terrace
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Ms Farina

Inquiry into WorkSafe WA

On behalf of the board and management of HiSkill I am pleased to present this submission to the Public Administration Committee's *New Inquiry into WorkSafe Western Australia*.

HiSkill is Australia's first specialist scaffolding training facility based in Belmont, Western Australia. We offer comprehensive training and education in all applications of scaffolding and we are ranked as the largest scaffolding training facility in Australia.

The scaffolding industry in Western Australia has a vital role in ensuring those who work in high risk environments can do so with complete confidence in the structures they use to undertake their tasks when working at height and those who build them.

From HiSkill's experience the level of training and lack of competency among those who have been deemed competent at the advanced level of accreditation is appalling. Our business has been founded solely to redress and, hopefully reverse, the ineffectual training delivered by registered training organisations in Western Australia and those who rate the students to be competent scaffolders.

Thankfully, the number of scaffolding-related deaths in Western Australia is very small. From our assessment of candidates seeking training at our facility this is nothing short of a miracle.

Neither the industry nor the Government and its supervising agencies should draw any comfort from the relatively small number of scaffold-related deaths. It should not take a rising body count to drive the need for a significant increase in the standard of training and compliance in the scaffolding industry.

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