

Occupational Health Society of Australia Seminar – 13 July 2017

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History of legislation

- Under consideration since 2008
- Federal Government and most states moved to new legislation in 2012
- Legislation modified to suit each state
- WA version previously two pieces of legislation – one for mines and one for general industry.

New Work Health and Safety Bill

- McGowan Government approves development of modernised Bill to protect workers
- It will improve consistency nationwide and provide **primary legislation for OSH across all industries.**
- Based on national Work Health and Safety Act



Resources safety

- Some sectors require prescriptive legislation
- Many already operate under risk-based approach
- Petroleum and major hazard facility industries – under safety case
- Mine Safety Management Systems.



Thank you

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of Mines,
Industry
Regulation
and Safety

- Department of Mines and Petroleum
- Department of Commerce (Regulatory functions and Labour Relations)

- Key service is regulating workplace safety and health
- Ultimate goal – to deliver better services to the WA community
- The McGowan Government will continue to listen and consult.