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- John Watson, General Manager Work Health & Safety Division, WorkCover NSW
- Justice George Miller, Former NSW Chief Industrial Magistrate and Magistrate
- Lisa Sturzenegger, General Manager for Safety, WorkSafe Victoria
- Joe Catanzariti, Lead Partner Workplace Relations, Employment and Safety Practice Group, Clayton Utz
- Stephen Trew, Partner, Holding Redlich
- Dr. Simon Blackwood, Executive Director, Workplace Health and Safety Queensland
- Harold Downes, Partner, Freehills



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OH&S: National Harmonisation 2011

Gearing up for 2012

8:30 Registration

8:50 Welcome from the Chair

QLD chair: TBC

 ${\it NSW chair: \bf Justice\ George\ Miller}, Former\ NSW\ Chief$

Industrial Magistrate and Magistrate

VIC chair: Catherine Dunlop, Partner, Maddocks

9:00 How the changes will pick up the High Court decision of Kirk

Eighteen months on and the landmark decision of Kirk continues to cause ripples for defendants and prosecutors alike.

In expectation of the adoption of the long awaited defence in Queensland of "reasonable practicability" on national harmonisation, Kirk's requirement that prosecutors must provide particulars and specify what should have been done or not done by the defendant, looms larger than ever.

Our expert barristers will present this case and its implications.

No HR or legal professional can afford to miss this vitally important opening session.

QLD: **David Cormack**, Barrister at Law & Mediator, **More Chambers**

 ${\it NSW:} \textbf{Peter Skinner}, \textit{Barrister}, \textbf{5} \textbf{ Wentworth Chambers}$

VIC: Frances O'Brien SC, Barrister, Owen Dixon Chambers West

0.75 CPD points in Ethics and Professional Responsibility

9:45 Achieving Compliance. Implications for boards, directors and officers

The new Work Health and Safety legislation attaches significant personal liability to directors and officers for ensuring compliance with workplace health and safety laws in their business. The new laws set minimum standards of knowledge, implementation and verification for directors and officers, which if not met can lead to significant fines or imprisonment. This session will outline what directors and officers need to address in the lead up to the commencement of the new laws, including:

- Gaining an understanding of the new duties and their application to your organisation
- Analysing any 'gaps' between existing health & safety arrangements and the standards required by the new laws
- Ascertaining the 'due diligence' steps that directors and officers will be required to take to minimise personal liability

QLD: Paul Hardman, Partner, Holding Redlich NSW: Stephen Trew, Partner, Holding Redlich VIC: Charles Power, Partner, Holding Redlich

0.75 CPD points in Ethics and Professional Responsibility

10:30 Morning tea

11:00 DISCUSSION PANEL

How to practically apply the changes of the new framework to your organisation

Being compliant on paper and getting compliant in reality may well be worlds apart. This discussion will provide an opportunity to actively problem-solve some of the curly questions raised by national harmonisation and how those changes will outwork themselves in your organisation. Our panel of industry and legal experts are on hand to dissect your problems and give you take-home tips to help steer your organisation through these wide-ranging changes.

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Graham Dent, Principal, Dent Consulting & Legal

Harold Downes, Partner, Freehills

Dr. Simon Blackwood, Executive Director, Workplace Health and Safety Queensland

NSW.

Rita di Nola, Group People & Industrial Relations Manager,

Tourast Corporation

Graham Dent, Principal, Dent Consulting & Legal

Joe Catanzariti, Lead Partner Workplace Relations,

Employment and Safety Practice Group, Clayton Utz

VIC:

Graham Dent, Principal, Dent Consulting & Legal

Steve Bell, Senior Associate, Freehills

3rd speaker TBC

1.5 CPD points in Professional Skills

12:30 Networking lunch for speakers and delegates

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'Conference was focused (and) relevant with presentations from subject experts generating good discussion'

'Excellent relaxed speaker, concise and clear presentation, excellent paper – well structured and informative' – Re Bronwyn Maynard



1:30 KEYNOTE ADDRESS

An overview from the regulator. Not complicated, just new

The introduction of harmonised Work Health and Safety legislation across all jurisdictions in Australia demonstrates the commitment of Australian Governments to reduce red tape, and reduce compliance and regulatory burdens for businesses and workers.

It also presents challenging opportunities for safety regulators.

To meet these challenges, state bodies will translate the new model work health and safety legislation into practical operational approaches, which not only result in legislative compliance, but also in reduced workplace fatalities, injuries, and illnesses.

This session will highlight a number of strategies in preparation for the new laws, which will leverage the benefits of harmonised legislation, and assist in increasing the competitiveness of each state's economy through productive, healthy and safe workplaces.

With the new laws set to take effect on 1 January 2012, this presentation is a timely insight into how a regulator can be forward thinking, responsive and adaptable.

QLD: **Paul Goldsbrough**, *Senior Director*, *Policy*, **Workplace Health and Safety Queensland**

NSW: **John Watson**, General Manager Work Health & Safety

Division, WorkCover NSW
VIC: Lisa Sturzenegger, General Manager for Safety, WorkSafe

0.75 CPD points in Practice Management and Business skills

2:15 Afternoon tea

2:30 Practical guidance for employers 2012 and beyond

- Implementing practical OH&S
- · Implementing without fear
- Implementation across a large organisation

QLD: Hedy Cray, Partner, Clayton Utz

NSW: **Jane Comensoli**, Director Human Resources,

Catholic Education Office

VIC: Lucia Giagnorio, Manager People Culture and Development, City of Boroondara

0.75 CPD points in Professional skills

3:15 Dealing with mental illness in the workplace under a national regime

- Getting compliant for 2012
- Work-related stress: What's real and what's fraudulent
- · Bullying and victimisation
- · Recent case law
- Some overseas examples
- Practical take-aways

QLD: Cameron Dean, Partner, McCullough Robertson NSW: Bronwyn Maynard, Senior Associate, Henry Davis York

VIC: Catherine Dunlop, Partner, Maddocks

0.75 CPD point in Ethics and Professional Responsibility

4:00 Close of Conference

Who should attend?

- Government lawyers
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