

13 April 2018

Hon Adele Farina MLC  
Chair  
Legislative Council Committee Office of Western Australia  
Parliament House  
4 Harvest Terrace  
West Perth WA 6005

Dear Hon Adele Farina MLC,

**RE: Standing Committee on Public Administration – Inquiry in Worksafe REF: A680429**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide opinion on topic referenced in relation to 'should WorkSafe publish reports following investigations of fatalities' and 'type of public reporting that would be useful'.

Multiplex acknowledges

- That investigation into a workplace fatality is complex and it is understandable that conclusions and subsequent recommendations to industry take a considerable time to publicise.
- Fatality investigations may result in commencement of legal proceedings and are subject to legal professional privilege.
- Details of prosecutions resulting from fatalities are available post-conviction on the Government of Western Australia department of Mines, Industry regulation and Safety web site, noting that these reports are not available until proceedings conclude.

Multiplex is of the opinion that the issuance of a report similar to Mines Safety divisions significant incident reports or Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) investigation reports would be useful to industry.

This opinion is based upon a view that preliminary reports provide opportunities;

- For industry to learn by considering available information (albeit conditional) while awareness of incident is in mind
- For some potentially significant information to be available in a considerably shorter timeframe
- To understand probable significant / contributory incident factors and consider in relation to workplaces
- To dispel 'industry expert' conjecture.

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- Considers for example, reports in the form of the investigation information releases issued by NSW Planning and environment, resource regulator to be useful as for reasons stated above.
- Would also like to note that the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) – Aviation occurrence brief - format is useful, it is understood that these briefs are issued within short timeframes and contain simple yet pertinent safety messages.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide opinion in relation to this topic.

Yours sincerely

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