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Inquiry into WorkSafe  
Standing Committee on Public Administration  
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Dear Ms Farina

### **Inquiry into WorkSafe**

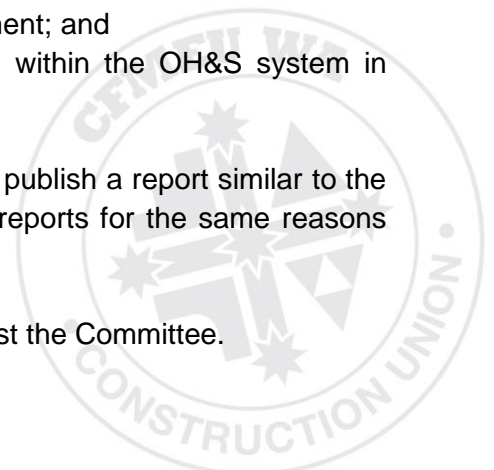
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We refer to the above matter and to your previous correspondence dated 11 April 2018.

We sincerely apologise for the delay in our response.

In direct response, we note the following:

1. We are of the view that it would be useful for the WorkSafe to publish a report similar to the significant incident report produced by the Mines and Safety division for the following reasons:
  - a) Provide industry with information that can be used to prevent similar incidents;
  - b) Provide industry with effective solutions to hazards and risks;
  - c) Enable industry to use the reports to identify and review contributing factors and causes that may impact other processes;
  - d) Assist in the establishment of industry standards;
  - e) Highlights to industry any unforeseen safety concerns which may not have been considered within that industry;
  - f) Highlights issues associated with change management; and
  - g) Establishes a proactive and educational measure within the OH&S system in Western Australia.
2. We are of the view that it would be useful for WorkSafe to publish a report similar to the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) investigation reports for the same reasons identified at 1a) – g) above.
3. We are not aware of another type of report which may assist the Committee.



We would also submit that WorkSafe should publish and disseminate an interim safety alert to relevant stakeholders providing immediate information with respect to any safety incident causing an investigation. We believe that this will work to create a proactive and educational measure as identified at 1g) above. We have attached a CFMEU safety alert publication by way of example for your consideration.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate contact Bob Benkesser at

Yours Faithfully,

Bob Benkesser  
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# CFMEU SAFETY ALERT

## Requirements for setting up mobile cranes and truck mounted concrete placing booms

30th June 2017



Following an incident on Monday 26/06/2017 where a slewing mobile crane tipped over due to an outrigger breaking through a water pipe the CFMEU recommend the following when setting up mobile cranes and truck mounted concrete placing booms:

Obtain a Mobile crane/Truck mounted concrete placing boom permit from the builder. If the builder can't provide the permit and all the verifying documentation **DON'T** proceed, it is the builder's responsibility to provide you with a safe system of work.

The permit shall include the following:

- Is the crane / boom pump going to be set up in multiple locations?
- The bearing surface capacity is verified at each location.
- The crane/boom pump is to set up on stable ground free from underground services, pits & voids.
- That all locations are sufficiently clear of excavations, embankments or waterlogged surfaces.
- Where outriggers are used, there is adequate room for the set up in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications.
- Are underground services clearly marked on the ground?
- Where required, engineered bog mats, steel plates, outrigger pads, etc. placed under the outrigger footplates.

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- Where the crane/boom pump is to be set up on a suspended slab or structure an engineer's report has been provided verifying the structural integrity.
- Is there a requirement to obtain a permit or authority from an external source or authority, e.g. setting up above underground rail system?
- Are there overhead/underground power lines that need to be considered?
- Where required, has a permit and/or lane closure been obtained from the Traffic Authority/Council including an approved traffic management plan?

As built drawings, dial before you dig information and ground bear capacity documentation must be provided by the builder and attached to the permit.

The permit must be signed off by the builder or his representative and attached to a task specific SWMS with all associated documentation prior to the set up commencing.

For further information in regard to siting of cranes refer to As 2550.5-1993

## Mobile Crane / Truck Mounted Concrete Placing Boom Set Up Permit

Workplace:			
Subcontractor:			
Plant Identification	Registration #:	Serial #:	Plant Induction No#:

This checklist is to be completed:

- Each time a slewing, non-slewing crane or truck mounted concrete placing boom arrives at the workplace and before its use;
- If the bearing surface capacity is not verified at each subsequent relocation.

Before lifting / concrete pumping operations can commence, the following shall be verified by the Site Manager or a nominated Site Supervisor.		Yes	No	N/A
Outline of work to be Undertaken:				
Crane	Lifting gear: Is a Certificate of Inspection Examination available from NATA accredited third party? Do any synthetic lifting slings display signs of wear - if so they must be removed from service.			
Boom Pump	Pipe thicknesses: Monthly pipeline thickness testing has been conducted and results available? Records available for Twin walled pipes showing cumulative m <sup>2</sup> pumped?			
Crane / Concrete Placing Boom Set up		Yes	No	N/A
Is the crane / boom pump to be set up in multiple locations?				
Location(s) where crane/boom pump is to be set up on stable ground/surface free from underground services, pits, voids?				
Location(s) is sufficiently clear of obstructions, embankments or waterlogged surfaces?				
Where outriggers are used, there is adequate room for the set up in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications?				
Where required Engineering mats, steel plates, outrigger pads, etc. placed under the outrigger footplates?				
Where the crane/boom pump is to be set up on a suspended slab/structure an engineer's report has been provided verifying the structural integrity?				
Is there a requirement to obtain a permit/authority from an external source or authority, e.g. setting up above underground rail system?				
Are there overhead/underground power lines that need to be considered?				
Where required, has a Permit and/or lane closure been obtained from the Traffic Authority/Council?				
Verified by Site Manager / Supervisor:				
Name:	Signature:	Date:		
Operator:				
Name:	Signature:	Date:		

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