

Building more effective OHS management under proposed model laws

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The Australian, Territory and State governments have agreed to achieve uniformity in OHS laws around Australia, through the passing of a model OHS Act. That Act and new regulations and codes of practice, based on the recommendations of the panel that recently completed a national review of OHS laws, will bring significant changes to the way OHS is managed in the construction industry, and in the relationships between all of the stakeholder involved in construction work.

In this presentation Barry Sherriff, who was a member of the panel, will explain the changes and the practical effect of them on principals, contractors, workers and their representatives. In doing so, he will set the scene for the following speakers who will discuss specific initiatives and issues in meeting OHS challenges in construction.