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John is the Executive Director of Health and Safety at WorkSafe Victoria. WorkSafe is the occupational health and safety regulator for the State Government of Victoria, and part of the Victorian WorkCover Authority. John has an extensive background in workplace health and safety and has held senior management roles in leading Australian and international organisations.

Prior to joining WorkSafe, John was the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the National Safety Council of Australia – a position he held for three years. In that role he was also a member of the Asia Pacific Occupational Health and Safety Organisation. John has been the Associate Director of the management consulting firm, World Competitive Practices, and the Executive Manager of Fletcher Construction Australia. He has also held senior roles in the Australian trade union movement.

He holds a Bachelor of Economics and completed post graduate research work at the London School of Economics under a British Government scholarship and is a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors