

Refocusing Health, Safety & Return to Work Services

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## **Overview**

- Impact of evolving safety regulation
- A decade of regulatory models & services
- New drivers & expectations
- Time to rebuild
- Developing our value proposition



# **Evolving Safety Regulation**

- Most of the 20<sup>th</sup> century health & safety legislation was restricted to factories, shops & construction sites
- OHS Act 1983 increased scope to all employers with regulatory regime replaced by general duties
- OHS Act 2000 & OHS Regulations 2001 Completed the change from prescriptive regulation to performance based regulation with requirements to consult with workers
- WHS Act 2011 and WHS Regulation 2011 Principles of risk management remain the same but introduced expanded duty of care, reasonably practicable, risk assessment, PCBU, shared duties, consultation between duty holders, due diligence



### Consequences

On the Community

- Safety no longer about complying with prescriptive style government regulations but managing risks in consultation with workers and other PCBU's
- Increased focus on due diligence
- Greater emphasis on workplaces taking control & managing WHS risks, issues and disputes before regulatory intervention

On Regulator

- Changing role of inspectorate services advisors not arbiters
- Need for new approaches, tools & services to help clarify what compliance looks like & build business capability
- Regulator role refocused on influencing improved health, safety and return to work behaviours / practices
- Need to build new internal capabilities, skills & communication



## Managing this change...

Over the past 10 years WorkCover has developed a number of approaches to enable transition to this new paradigm

#### MODEL

- Workplace Improvement Framework
- Workplace Segmentation Model
- Information, Assistance, Education, Advice Framework
- Small Business Strategy
- Serious about Safe Business
- Confirmation of Advice
- OHS Division Evaluation Framework
- Stakeholder Engagement Framework
- Compliance & Enforcement Frameworks

### **CLARIFIED**

- Graduated Approach to Compliance
- Business variations based on size, willingness, ability
- How to apply assistance services
- WCA approach to small business
- Safety management in small businesses
- Written advice in the field
- The value, merit of activities
- How to manage stakeholder relationships
- Approach to compliance activities



## A decade of growing services

Growth in services to assist with "what compliance looks like" - Over:

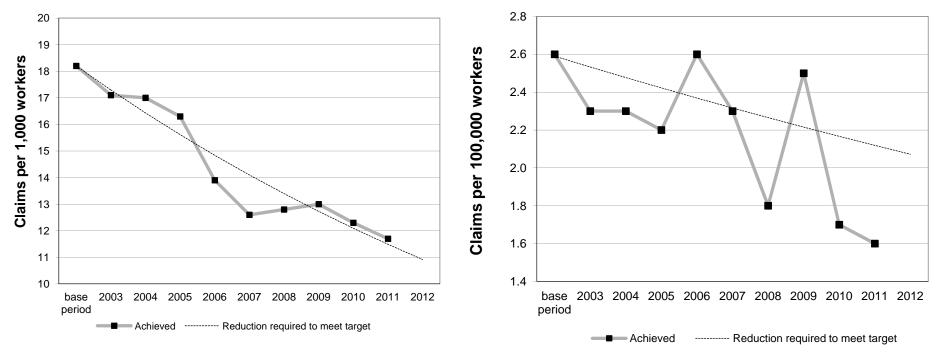
<ul> <li>250,00 work place visits</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>7,000 individuals participated in webinars</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>800 publications, fact sheets, guidance materials</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Partnerships/alliances with associations, organisations, employers, third party providers</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>4,400 individual advisory visits since</li> <li>2005</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Community grants – assistance and research programs</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>2,500 public workshops, seminars, field days, public events</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Return to work vocational &amp; assistance programs</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>8,200 financial rebates</li> </ul>	Safety Awards
<ul> <li>600 participants in mentor programs</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>OHS National Strategy and Prevention Programs</li> </ul>



### 10 year results

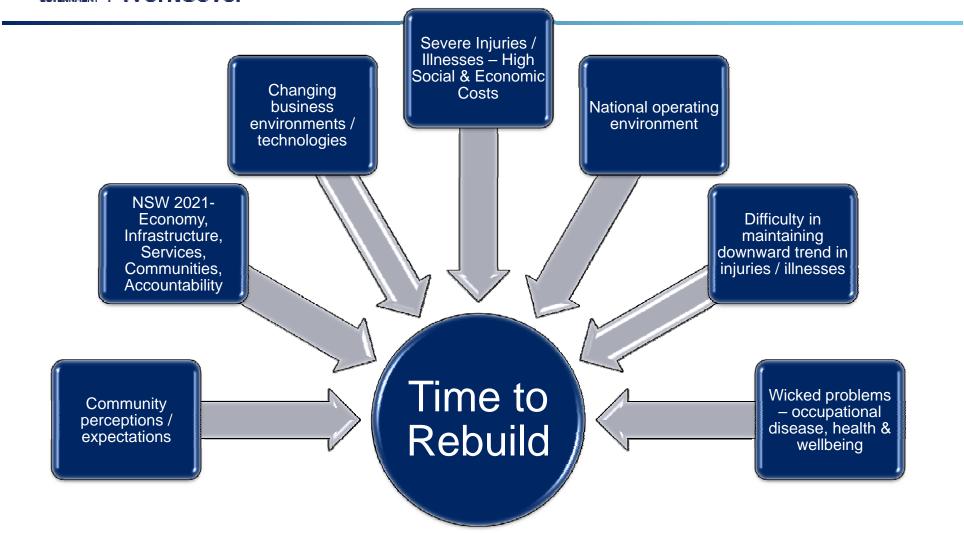
# Reduction in Workplace Injuries > 40% by 2012 (from 2001/02 baseline)

# Reduction in Workplace Fatalities > 20% by 2012 (2001/02 baseline)



### Continuing downward trend will be more difficult to maintain







### The Strategic Operating Model

<ul> <li>Focus on high risk</li> <li>industry, illness, injuries –</li> </ul>	Regional Alignment - Resources focused on highest Risk	
WHS & RTW	7 Regional Areas	Evidence informed services-
<ul> <li>High Consequence</li> <li>Events</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Alignment of risks to regions</li> </ul>	Customers in focus
<ul> <li>Targeted Response</li> <li>Services</li> </ul>	Realignment of resources to regional focus	<ul><li>Clarity on value proposition</li><li>Customer insight research</li></ul>
National Programs & Strategies	Regional Risk Profiles & Regional Risk Plans	<ul> <li>Market tested solutions</li> </ul>
Organisational Governance, Capability &	Regionally focused leadership & engagement	<ul> <li>Engagement in design &amp; delivery</li> </ul>
Performance		<ul> <li>Communication of outcomes</li> </ul>
		• Evaluate merit & worth of services

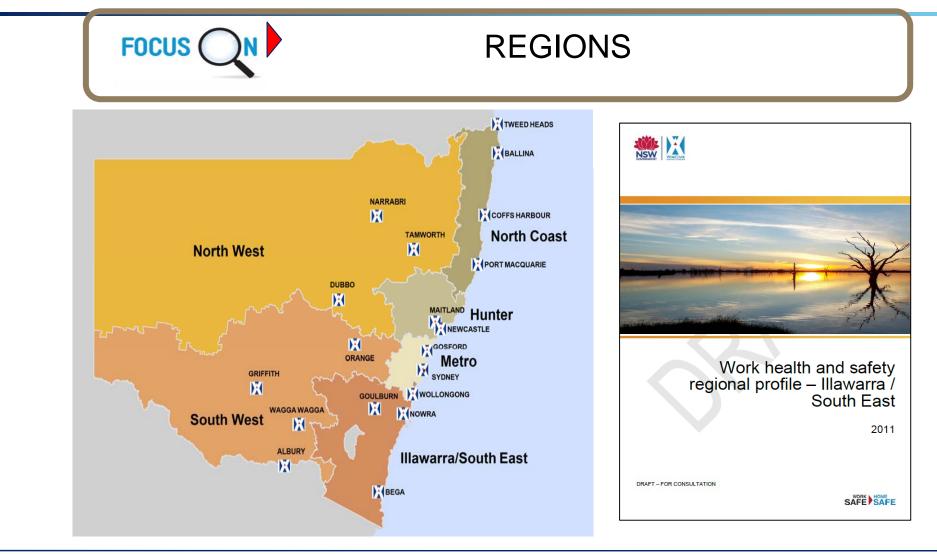






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### Customer Insight so far....

**Customer Experience Study** 

- Identify the customer promise, wants & values that are relevant under the Corporate Plan
- 3 Year Evaluation Framework
  - Perception research in relation to front line interactions
  - Impact of services on workplace behaviours
  - Program Evaluations Bullying Strategy, Safety Rebate Program, Investigations Close the Loop Initiative

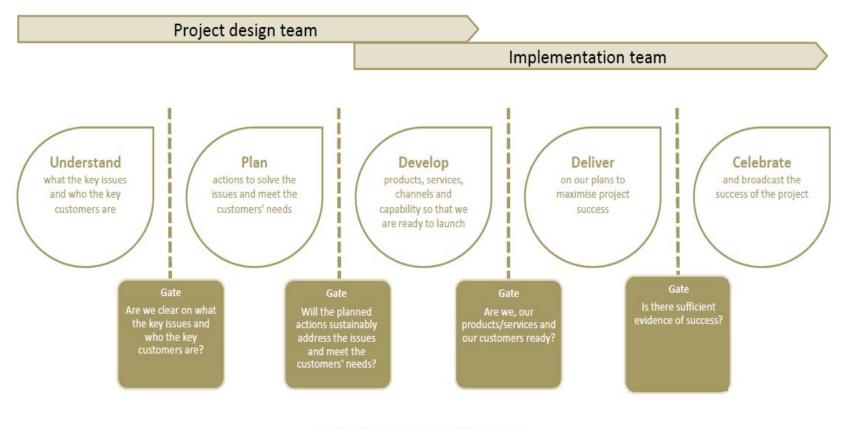
Integrations in Programs - Focus on Industry 10/5/5

- Customer Insight Research in progress
  - Sheep & Beef Farming
  - Road Freight Transport
  - Wooden Component Manufacturing
- Engagement with community / industry representatives
- Validation Visits in the field



# FOCUS ON CUSTOMERS

### Stage Gate Model – Integration into Risk Programs



Pass through the gate to move to the next stage





### Delivering our value proposition... Challenges ahead

- Continuous rebuilding and refocusing approaches
- Clients or customers or both? [Getting Serious on Client Services IPAA Paper Nov 2011]
- Guiding principle: the value proposition should focus on customer needs, not on product or service features. [M. Isi Eromosele CEO Oseme Group LLC, April 2011]
- Which alternative conveys value to customers? [Anderson, J,C, Customer Value Propositions in Business Markets HBR 03/06]
- Not just fairy tales
  - Delivering on our promise
  - Persuasive value propositions are able to be demonstrated
  - Evaluate, improve, celebrate, communicate



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