

Palaszczuk Government committed to introduce a number of reforms and to reverse a number of changes made by the former Government, as part of the 2015 Queensland State election. I wanted to take the opportunity to provide you with an update on our progress on delivering on these commitments in the areas of industrial relations, workers' compensation, work health and safety and electrical safety.

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Work Health and Safety Reforms

The rights of WHS entry permit holders to gain immediate access to a workplace to inquire into a suspected contravention and the power of health and safety representatives (HSRs) to direct workers to cease unsafe work are to be reinstated.

In addition, changes to improve electrical safety in Queensland are planned including reinstating the Electrical Safety Commissioner and two electrical safety committees for Electrical Education and Electrical Equipment.

Amendment Bill seeking to implement these changes is expected to be introduced into Parliament shortly.

If you require further information or assistance in relation to these matters, please contact Jason Humphreys, Chief of Staff on (07) 371 97206.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

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