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Mr Robin Shaw
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via email: robin@sisa.net.au

Dear Mr Shaw

Re: **Commencement of Body Worn Camera Trial**

SafeWork SA is about to trial the use of Body Worn Cameras (BWC) by our Inspectors for a period of three months commencing in late September until mid-December 2020 to evaluate the effectiveness of BWC's on our Inspectors.

A group of Inspectors and Investigators will be using the BWC's all work site visits and/or whenever exercising their statutory powers under all Acts administered by SafeWork SA.

The trial has been developed in response to recommendations contained within the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption report, Evaluation of the Practices, Policies and Procedures of the Regulatory Arm of SafeWork SA (The Report).

The Report recommended that SafeWork SA provides Inspectors and Investigators with BWC's for use when attending workplaces.

BWC's will aim to:

- improve the safety of both SafeWork SA inspectors, person conducting a business or undertaking (PCBU) and workers by encouraging safe and mutually respectful interactions
- assist with the accurate and impartial collection of video and audio material;
and
- aid the timely resolution of disputes and complaints.

Upon entry to a worksite an Inspector will clearly identify that they are wearing a BWC to create a video and audio recording at the commencement of their interaction with any person/s unless it is impractical to do so. For example, an impractical situation may be when physical or verbal abuse unexpectedly occurs.

The trial will provide essential information to support decision-making on the potential use and benefits of BWC's by SafeWork SA.

At the conclusion of the trial an Evaluation Report will be prepared for the Treasurer to present the findings and to recommend a position on the use of BWC's in the future.

Further information about the trial will soon be available on SafeWork SA's website.

If you have any questions in relation to the trial, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Prema Osborne, Director, Workplace Education and Business Services on telephone (08) 8303 9941 or via email prema.osborne@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. Campbell', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Martyn Campbell
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