

Return to Work Act

Full-Day Workshop

WORKERS COMPENSATION & SELF INSURANCE

Uncharted Territory

How the imminent Return to Work Act will revolutionise Workers Compensation in South Australia, and what your organisation will need to do to be ready for it.

In 2014 the South Australian Government passed the Return to Work Act, which will commence operation on 1 July 2015. This represents the biggest change to Workers Compensation in South Australia for over 25 years!

DW Fox Tucker will be holding a full day workshop which will provide an overview of how the Return to Work Act will affect your business as well as recently gazetted Permanent Impairment Assessment Guidelines and the Return to Work Regulations.

Date & Time: Wednesday 13 May 2015, All Day Event

Venue: Hotel Grand Chancellor on Hindley

Cost: \$250 per person, inclusive of refreshments throughout the day, lunch and a cocktail function following the workshop.

RSVP: 6 May 2015

If you would like to attend please fill out the attached registration form and return it to Michael Walsh at events@dwfoxtucker.com.au.

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8:30am – 9:00am - **Registration**

9:00am – 9:30am - **Welcome and overview – John Walsh**

9:30am – 10:15am - **Transitional provisions – Patrick Walsh**

- Preparing for the Return to Work Act
- How workers with current claims will transition to the Return to Work Act
- Issues for employers to consider

10:15am – 10:30am - **Morning Tea**

10:30am – 11:15am - **Compensability – Patrick Walsh**

- Overview on compensability of new claims
- The new tests for causation

11:15am – 12:30pm - **Financial Benefits - Caroline Knight**

- Changes to lump sum compensation payable to injured workers
- Redemptions, lump sum payments for economic loss and common law claims.
- The impact of changes to the workers compensation legislation
- New category “seriously injured worker”
- New entitlement to compensation for Loss of Earning Capacity

12:30pm – 1:00pm - **Lunch**

1:00pm – 2:15pm - **Return to Work and Employer responsibilities – Ben Duggan**

- Worker and employer return to work obligations
- Process for worker seeking to return to work
- Role of the Tribunal in the return to work process

2:15pm – 3:15pm - **Dispute Resolution – John Walsh**

- The new Employment Tribunal and how it will operate
- The differences between the WCT and the Employment Tribunal jurisdiction, process and procedure
- The use of medical advisers in the new Employment Tribunal and how it will differ from current practice

3:15 – 3:30pm - **Afternoon Tea**

3:30pm – 4:30pm - **GEPIC - Dr Michael Clarke**

- Introduction to GEPIC
- Identifying workers who may be “seriously injured”

4:30pm – 5:30pm - **Panel Discussion - John Walsh, Caroline Knight, Ben Duggan, Patrick Walsh & Dr Michael Clarke**

- Question & answer session

5:30pm – 6:30pm - **Cocktail Function**

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