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**Review of the National Guidance Material for Working Safely on the Waterfront**

**Public Comment Response Form**

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<b>Comments on content of the national guidance material</b>	
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Hatchmen	We were discharging 32 tonne conveyor reels the lift was taken and floated. I was the hatchman at the time and noticed a work colleague was pinned between the load and another conveyor. He could not scream or yell because his lungs had too much pressure on them. The crane driver could not see him because of the size of the cargo. I immediately signalled the crane driver to move load away from pinned colleague. If there was no hatchman in place there would have been another fatality on the waterfront. If it saves just one life isn't it worth it. It's a shame that managers are trying to remove this safety factor when they have little or no experience in the task. It's not them that won't be going home to their families.
Stevedoring qualifications	Should the guidance material refer to the qualifications that have been developed for stevedores? The more trained and experienced people you have on the job the less likelihood of injury or death.
Safety Induction skill-set	Should the newly developed stevedoring safety skill-set be used to underpin safety inductions? It is very important to have a safety induction, if a new employee does not know about the dangers of working on the waterfront they are likely to put themselves in a dangerous position where they or a fellow work colleague could be seriously injured.
Use of checklists	If we don't have a specific set of guidelines and check lists then companies will only implement the ones that they see as important and cost effective. Instead of listening to experienced people who actually do the job and have identified the risks and safety factors that should be in place.
<b>Comments on the implementation of the national guidance material in each jurisdiction which may have included launches, information and training sessions, and whether it has been useful in the workplace as a resource for improving safety practices.</b>	
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<b>Other comments</b>	
Deaths on the waterfront can be prevented if we work together. If it saves one life then it's worth it isn't it?	