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

Public Comment Response Form

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Hatchmen	The hatch person is an important and integral part of the stevedoring operation. The hatch person is the person who controls the restricted areas around crane and suspended load area. The crane driver cannot see the entire area of work and relies on the hatch person to be his second pair of eyes. To remove the hatch person or lessen their responsibilities I believe will result in serious accidents and possibly fatalities on job sites. At East Swanson Dock there have collisions/near misses between cranes and straddle carriers luckily employees were not injured, but people could have easily been killed. After investigations in nearly every case the hatch person was not in position and if they were the collisions /near misses would not have occurred. Surely this is reason to ensure that the hatch persons position. To remove this position would only compromise the health and safety of all persons working on the waterfront
Stevedoring qualifications	I agree - the guidance material should refer to the qualifications that have been developed for stevedores.
Safety Induction skill-set	Every person who comes to the waterfront should complete a safety induction before being allowed onto the job site
Use of checklists	Should the safety checklists, which set out examples of the types of hazards, and acceptable/unacceptable ways of handling those hazards, be maintained in the guidance material? The checklists should be maintained
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.	
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