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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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<b>Comments on additional issues identified in section 4.2 of the Discussion Paper</b>	
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Hatchmen	<p>The hatchman is a vital position in the role of safety. The hatchman has a unique view point not often available to the crane driver, team leader or dogman. This may put the hatchman in a position to identify and assess hazards which may not be apparent from another point of view.</p> <p>This position becomes even more important when multiple hold workers are in use in the pit, another set of eyes checking to make sure that no one is in a pinch point or at risk of having a load travel over them can quite simply be a life saving factor.</p> <p>No amount of money can replace a life. Besides the safety factor, productivity can also be improved by team work between the hatchman and crane driver to make pick up and landing of cargo safe, smooth and efficient. If the hatchman can guide, warn and inform crane driver during the job then the job becomes smoother, faster and greatly lowers the risk of injury, vessel damage or cargo damage. This in turn increases productivity and saves the company money.</p> <p>I hope these comments help to confirm the importance and responsibility of the hatchman position.</p>
Stevedoring qualifications	Better training of staff leads to safer more productive workplaces. This has been proven time and time again in heavy industry. I believe it is in the best interest of all workers and employers that the best training available be provided to workers to build and maintain a safe productive workplace.
Safety Induction skill-set	Safety inductions are important and should always be a part of any work practice. A short amount of time spent in a safety induction may prevent an incident. I believe that's money well spent.
Use of checklists	Should the safety checklists, which set out examples of the types of

	<p>hazards, and acceptable/unacceptable ways of handling those hazards, be maintained in the guidance material?</p> <p>Checklists give a clear and direct description where as guidelines are often vague and open to interpretation which could lead the a divided and inconsistent workplace.</p>
<p><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></p>	
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