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

Public Comment Response Form

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Comments on content of the national guidance material	
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	On the issue of eliminating reference to hatchmen in the guidance - how can you substitute a good set of eyes watching a load of cargo being moved, lifted or lowered. It is about time these companies wanting to save a dollar over safety are pulled into line. De-manning is going to become a problem in several areas of the waterfront industry, with all of the work place health and safety measures being implemented, we need and should have the people to safely monitor and implement safety measures as well as looking out for their work mates. Every worker has the right to a safe work environment and to finish work and go home to their families uninjured and healthy. A hatchman is the frontline of safety when monitoring cargo and workers.
	Should the guidance material refer to the qualifications that have been developed for stevedores? Training should be mandatory for any dangerous job or regarding safety of others and the environment.
	Should the newly developed stevedoring safety skill-set be used to underpin safety inductions? No Safety Induction NO ACCESS to worksite.
	On the use of checklists - Checklists maintain a structured safety management plan, not the personal opinions of others.
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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Other comments	
Training, Inductions, Checklists, Eyes and Ears and Touch all equate to a safe working area that allows workers to feel safe and protected which is everyone's right.	