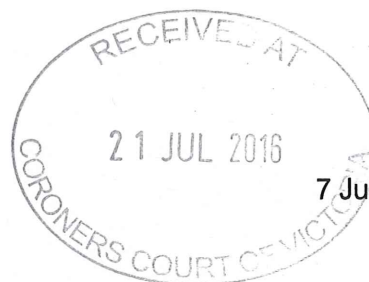


Coroner Jamieson
Coroners Court of Victoria
65 Kavanagh Street
SOUTHBANK VIC 3006



7 July 2016

Dear Coroner Jamieson

Name of Deceased: Gregory ANDREWS
Coroners' Court Reference: COR 2008 004550
WorkSafe Incident Number: 164664

I refer to your findings and recommendation published in relation to the death of Gregory Andrews, and sent to WorkSafe Victoria on 28 April 2016.

I note you ultimately recommended that:

- WorkSafe issue safety alerts on a regular and periodic basis, and not only in response to a fatality; on the dangers of operating hydraulic cranes, including recommendations that a spotter always be available.

I am pleased to update you on that topic as Your Honour's recommendation is under consideration.

WorkSafe is undertaking a strategic review to consider the current guidance material available with a view to streamline the way WorkSafe communicates with the public, including employers.

The strategic review will include statutory and non-statutory guidance.

The *Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2007* ('the Regulations') are also subject to an extensive review process. The current Regulations will sunset in June 2017 and the new Regulations will come into effect on 18 June 2017. WorkSafe will review its information and guidance as part of the implementation activity to support the new Regulations.

In relation to the use of a 'spotter', although Mr Hambridge makes reference to Australian Standard AS2550.5-2002 for the safe use of mobile cranes, the term spotter refers to a competent person who should *'be positioned so as to minimise the risk of exposure to hazards'* in the context of working in close proximity to overhead power lines. Competency levels of a spotter are determined by Energy Safe Victoria.

A trained dogger or rigger may act as a spotter. A dogger or rigger could also assist with applying slinging techniques, including the selection or inspection of lifting gear, to sling a load; and assist with directing the crane operator in the movement of a load when the load is out of the operator's view.

WorkSafe will continue to be proactive in communicating its safety messages and targeting specific risks and hazards as necessary, including risks associated with operating hydraulic cranes.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mai Pham, Coronial Lawyer, on 9940 4828.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Clare Amies', with a stylized, cursive script.

Clare Amies
Chief Executive
WorkSafe Victoria