



Statement - SafeWork SA

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CLAIM REGARDING OHS PROTECTION IN SA

SafeWork SA wishes to answer a claim appearing in certain media today, which suggests that workers at the Adelaide Desalination Plant construction project may not be covered by workplace safety laws in this State.

The *Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare Act 1986* applies throughout South Australia to all work wherever it is conducted within state boundaries both onshore and offshore.

There are no loopholes to escape responsibility for occupational health, safety and welfare presented by any form of corporate structure.

The OHS legislation in South Australia does not permit the responsibility for workplace safety to be avoided by any deliberate or inadvertent effort to influence corporate structuring.

The standard of safety protection afforded workers under SA OHS legislation is the same at the Adelaide Desalination Plant as it is for any other workplace in South Australia.

For answers and advice on workplace health and safety and the relevant laws, SafeWork SA operates a telephone Help Centre on 1 300 365 255. To report serious accidents or incidents, in the workplace call 1 800 777 209