

# Bulletin

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## DECISION BY SA PARLIAMENT ON WHS BILL

### A MESSAGE FROM BRYAN RUSSELL ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SAFEWORK SA

Yesterday afternoon, the South Australian Parliament voted to adjourn debate on the Work Health and Safety (WHS) Bill until 14 February 2012. Accordingly the new WHS legislation will not begin in SA on 1 January 2012 as previously planned.

I have every confidence that the nationally harmonised legislation will be approved by Parliament when it resumes in the New Year. The exact date is naturally a matter for the Parliament.

SafeWork SA's planning for implementation of the new legislation will continue. This will build upon our extensive programme of preparation for the 1 January launch date, all of which remains entirely valid. Our WHS training will continue as will our engagement initiatives and preparation of administrative arrangements.

I am confident that the Parliamentary process has only delayed this important legislation, not stopped it.

Our preparation and planning will continue, and I recommend yours does as well.

**BRYAN RUSSELL**  
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