

120006/14

ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S OFFICE	
Rec'd	01/09/14
Reg No.	141K 0294
Ack	YES (M)
Action	ES
C.C.	



**Mining & Quarrying**  
OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH &  
SAFETY COMMITTEE

Level 4, World Park A  
33 Richmond Road, Keswick  
South Australia 5035

GPO Box 465, Adelaide  
South Australia 5001

Telephone (08) 8204 9842  
Facsimile (08) 8204 9500

www.maqohsc.sa.gov.au

**MAQOHSC proactively promotes best WHS and hygiene practices with an aim to prevent injury and disease within the South Australian mining and quarrying sector.**

The Mining and Quarrying Occupational Health and Safety Committee (The Committee) is a statutory tripartite body that continues existence under the *Work, Health and Safety Act 2012 (SA)*.

The Committee with a membership of three women and four men, under the tripartite, collaborate to support and represent industry requirements from SACOME, CCAA, SA Unions and Government.

The Mining and Quarrying Industry Fund formally the Silicosis Fund, is a managed entity of Work Cover Corporation South Australia (WorkCover SA). The Mining and Quarrying Industries Fund returns, an income from fund investment annually.

The Committees main function is to administer the expenditure from the return on investment, the Committee approves and funds initiatives that prevent injury and disease and promote best WHS practices within the State.

All committee activities align to the key elements of the MAQOHSC strategic plan, the committee performs all functions with due diligence, commitment and a strong sense of responsibility, all in compliance to Department of Premier and Cabinet circulars.

MAQOHSC's role in promoting good work health and safety standards is quite distinct from the role fulfilled by SafeWork SA: MAQOHSC and SafeWork SA have a complimentary strategic relationship, but deliver quite separate functions to industry. Our work with our stakeholders is always collaborative in approach and is strictly confidential to only both parties.

MAQOHSC engages two WHS Specialists dedicated to actively and directly consult with stakeholders that include mining and quarrying companies, contractors and government to improve the state's workplace safety.

The MAQOHSC WHS Specialists are well respected in industry and are requested to confidentially undertake injury prevention activities with stakeholders throughout the state, including remote locations. Our WHS Specialists have undertaken over 553 in situ visits and provided more than 300 hours of WHS consulting assistance.

MAQOHSC under the mandate of its prevention strategy continues to provide all stakeholders a range of high quality, work, health and safety services and guidance materials throughout the State.

MAQOSHSC fully funded initiatives include

- MAQOSHSC fully funded initiatives include research grants, continued silicosis prevention, dust monitoring and reporting related to prevention of occupational respiratory diseases and WHS improvement projects to the value of \$4,748,361
- Funded Health, Skin Cancer Screening and Lung Function Assessments for over 5600 workers within the state, spanning a period of 13 years to the value of \$1,301,513.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPT.



AG0554593

- Provides industry specific guides, industry advice, onsite stakeholder assistance and targeted programmes designed to minimise the risk of injury and disease.
- MAQOHSC fully funds and reimburses accommodation and secretariat costs to SafeWork SA
- Provides valuable industry partnerships, sponsorship and support to the value of over \$65,000.
- MAQOHSC has produced a series of health and safety resources in the form of guidelines, information sheets, audit tools and DVD toolkits to assist the resources industry in SA. These resources provide excellent education and training support for all size mining and quarrying operations.

If I can be of any further assistance please contact me on the provided details at any time.

Sincerely

Mr. Martin O'Malley

Presiding Member

MAQOHSC

# THE MINING & QUARRYING OHS COMMITTEE

---

## Background

The Mining and Quarrying Occupational Health and Safety Committee (MAQOHSC) is a tripartite body which continues existence under Schedule 2 of the *Work, Health & Safety Act 2012 (SA)*. MAQOHSC is serviced by a secretariat and two Work, Health and Safety Specialists.

MAQOHSC has access to funds for the performance of its functions through the Mining and Quarrying Industries Fund. The initial capital for this fund was generated during the 1940's by a levy applied to the South Australian extractive industries. This levy was collected to fund compensation for those industry workers who suffered from silicosis; and or any dust related respiratory disease caused by exposure to crystalline silica.

## MAQOHSC'S Functions

MAQOHSC's main function is to administer the annual expenditure from the Mining and Quarrying Industries Fund.

MAQOHSC makes available significant expenditure that positively contributes to the State's economy primarily the mining and quarrying industries.

MAQOHSC actively and directly engages with the states mining and quarrying industries to promote safety in the workplace, support and funds numerous injury prevention projects each year.

MAQOHSC contributes to minimise injury and disease and promote occupational health and safety in the States mining and quarrying industries.

The Act provides that the fund is to be used for the following purposes:

- to promote and support practices and procedures designed to protect workers from silicosis
- to support education in the field of occupational health and safety in the mining and quarrying industries
- to initiate or support research and studies into occupational health and safety that could benefit workers in the mining and quarrying industries
- to promote and support persons or organisations working to prevent, alleviate, or treat the kinds of disabilities suffered by workers in the mining and quarrying industries
- to support any other kind of activity that could directly or indirectly improve occupational health and safety in the mining and quarrying industries, or assist in the rehabilitation of disabled workers in those industries.

## **The Committee**

The Committee consists of 7 persons appointed by the Minister:

- 2 people nominated by the SafeWork SA Advisory Council (Martin O'Malley, the Presiding Member of MAQOHSC And Erryn Munchenberg)
- 1 member of SafeWork SA who has experience in mining and quarrying (Kim Tolotta)
- 1 employer rep nominated by SACOME (Glen Murray)
- 1 employer rep nominated by CCAA (Holly Mc Donald)
- 2 worker reps nominated by SA Unions (Marcus Hanson & Aaron Cartledge)

There are provisions for deputy members; however they are not named above.

## **MAQOHSC WHS Field Activities**

MAQOHSC under the mandate of its prevention strategy provides a range of high quality, Work, Health and Safety services throughout the State.

All field activities are targeted, and based on achieving outcomes in line with the MAQOHSC Strategic Plan.

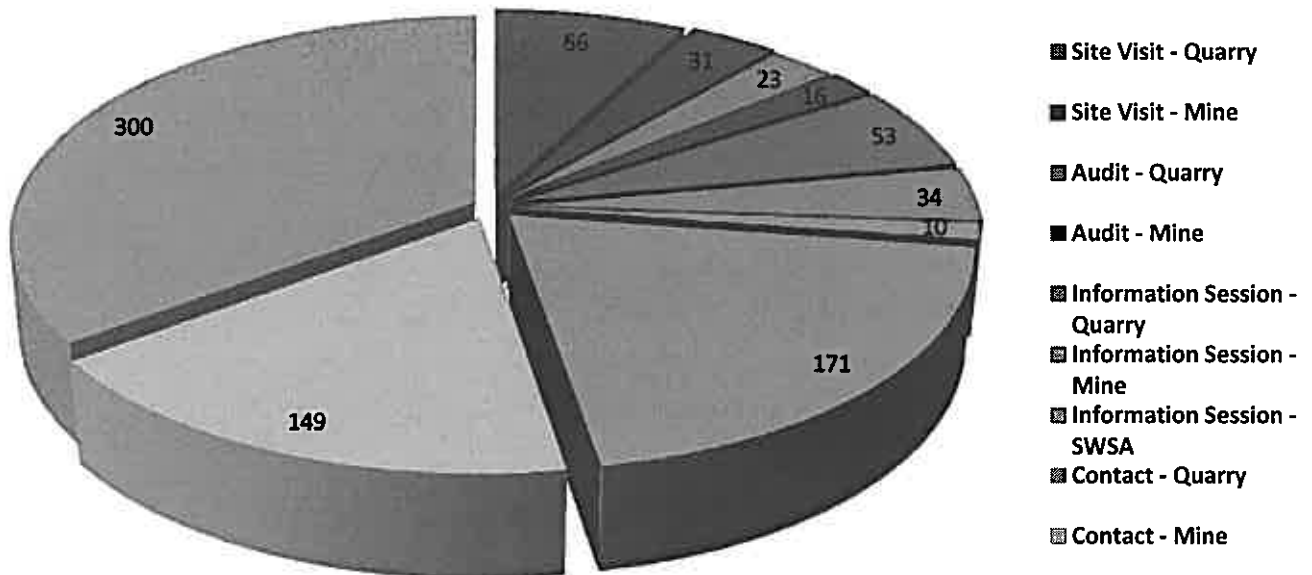
MAQOHSC activities include:

- Work, Health and Safety Best Practice Industry Guides
- WHS site inspections and audits
- Safety Information Sessions & Workshops
- Onsite assistance to develop WHSMS, conduct risk assessments, emergency procedures, safe operating procedures.
- Review and assessment of Work, Health and Safety management systems, policies & procedures
- Coaching and mentoring for all workers and those in a safety role or new to the industry
- Industry Safety Alerts & Newsletters
- Informative Website



Mining & Quarrying

## Injury Prevention WHS Activities 2013 - 2014



### MAQOHSC Projects include:

#### Health Assessment and Promotion Services

MAQOHSC funded a health assessment programme which was delivered by Corporate Health Group (CHG). Under this 13 year programme, employees from the mining and quarrying industries took part in worksite based health assessments. This project has identified a number of health related matters including dust exposure to similar exposure work groups, cholesterol levels, blood pressure and body mass index that will require further attention as part of MAQOHSC's health promotion component of the programme.

#### Skin Cancer Screening

MAQOHSC funded a 13 year skin cancer screening programme which was delivered by CHG. As would be expected, this programme identified conditions where employees were referred on to their health care professionals for further assessment, including possible Basal Cell Carcinomas, Squamous Cell Carcinomas and Melanomas.

The combined cost for funding the mine and quarry workers Health and Skin project was \$1,301,513.000 and a total of 5900 workers voluntarily participated.

## **Research and Funding**

MAQOHSC has made funding available and supported research, grant submissions and funded over 59 projects during the past 15 years. The total value for funding given to these South Australian projects has been \$3,346,848.00. The projects undertaken have been safety focused and or dust related and completed by Uni SA, Department of Public Health, SACOME, HSE Australia to name a few.

## **Other Projects**

Other projects funded by MAQOHSC include:

- Toolbox Safety DVD production
- SAFE DVD production
- Hand Safety Project
- Opal Miners Handbook
- Emerging Mines Safety
- Quarry Safe in conjunction with SACOME

## **Resources**

- Onsite, telephone and email information, advice and assistance
- Industry relevant publications
- Newsletter and email alerts
- Informative website (with an average of 375 visits per month)

## **Sponsorship**

- Cements, Concrete, Aggregates Associate SA
- Uni SA – Supplementary Scholarship \$ 30,000
- Passport to Safety \$25,000
- Institute of Quarrying Australia

## **Working with SafeWork SA**

MAQOHSC pays full fee for service, and in addition, accommodation, parking and Executive Officer salary costs to SafeWork SA, and under the WHS Act 2012, MAQOHSC may make full use of the services, facilities and staff of SafeWork SA.

The Executive Officer, the WHS Specialist and Secretariat, all occupy office space at SafeWork SA's in Building A, World Park, 33 Richmond Road, KESWICK.

MAQOHSC and SafeWork SA have a complementary strategic relationship but deliver quite separate (and clearly separated) field activities.

SafeWork SA's inspectors who engage with quarries and or mine sites, regularly refer MAQOHSC after it is identified a need for improvement and or WHS assistance is required.