# Permit plan

Our permit plan covers rules and regulations for high-risk work that WorkSafe oversees. We will focus our efforts to make sure permitting requirements are understood, decision making processes are efficient, and regulated safety requirements are met, with emphasis on the areas of highest risk.

The government has set specific regulations for high-risk work that could result in serious or catastrophic harm if risks are not managed well. This includes mining, adventure activities, asbestos removal, some work involving hazardous substances, and operating equipment such as cranes and scaffolding. WorkSafe oversees the regulations and ensures that businesses and individuals permitted to undertake high-risk work meet safety requirements. In some areas, we review whether requirements are met, while in others we designate 'third parties' to do this on our behalf.

Over the next two years we will work to strengthen our permit function. We will set clear expectations for those carrying out regulated high risk work, and for the third parties that we rely on for safety assurance. We will improve the efficiency, transparency, and quality of permitting processes. We will also strengthen our approach to monitoring whether permitting requirements for high-risk work are being met. We will focus our efforts where the biggest improvements are needed and where the health and safety risks are greatest.

### WorkSafe's priorities

Priorities	Why	Objec
Establish clear expectations for regulated parties	If regulated parties have a clear understanding of requirements, they will be more likely to comply with them and risks will be managed better.	– Impro high-i – Impro regula
Establish robust and consistent decision- making processes	Providing robust, consistent, and timely decisions will make it easier for regulated parties to know where they stand and to comply with requirements.	- Increa agree - Increa
Strengthen compliance monitoring for regulated high-risk work	A clear and risk-based monitoring approach will give us better information about compliance with requirements for high-risk work and allow us to take action where needed.	- Increa regula - Increa accor



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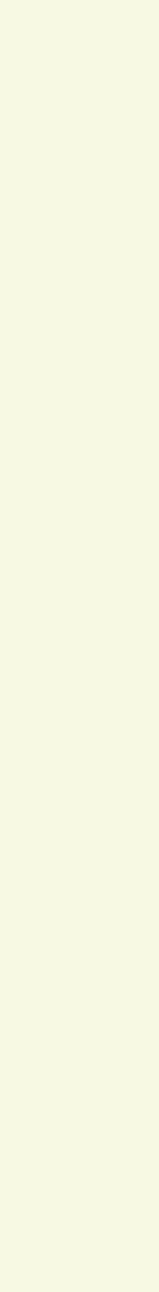
- roved understanding of responsibilities for regulated -risk work
- oved trust and confidence in WorkSafe among our lated parties
- eased proportion of applications processed within ed timeframes and to agreed standards eased satisfaction with permitting processes.
- eased confidence that permission is being sought for lated high-risk work.
- eased confidence that high-risk work is being done ording to the rules and regulations.

## Types of regulated high-risk work

- Mining and quarrying
- Exploring for and extracting petroleum or geothermal energy
- Adventure activities
- Storing or transporting large quantities of hazardous substances, using explosives, or working with certain flammable or toxic substances
- Removing and disposing of asbestos
- Operating machinery and equipment including high-pressure boilers, pipelines, cranes, cable cars, fairground rides and powder-actuated tools
- Scaffolding over 5 metres high
- Consumer electrical and gas equipment
- Occupational diving

# Key challenges

- Clear roles, responsibilities and expectations
- Co-ordinated engagement and communication between WorkSafe and regulated parties
- Clear and consistent decision making
- Specialist workforce capacity and capability
- Consistent, risk-based monitoring of permitted businesses and third parties



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### What WorkSafe will do:

Priority	Initiative	Initiative description
expectations for ar	Strengthen engagement and communication with regulated parties.	Undertake regular engagement with key indus through their channels so businesses and indiv
	Strengthen relationships with third parties	Engage with regulated third parties to ensure regular engagement and communication with associations.
	Use engagement with regulated parties to inform our system advice	Use engagement with regulated parties to und reflect these in our system advice to MBIE.
Establish robust, and consistent decision-making processes	Establish robust and consistent decision-making processes.	Establish consistent policies and processes for regulated parties, and follow through with dec
p	Improve permitting processes and registers.	Take a structured approach to improving perm This includes digitising and automating some
Strengthen compliance monitoring for high-risk work	Establish a compliance monitoring framework for regulated high-risk work.	Clearly set out how we will monitor regulated enforce if requirements are not met.
	Take a consistent approach to monitoring regulated high-risk work	Undertake targeted assessments to check that meeting safety requirements. If requirements a



ustry partners. Share data, insights and key messages that they can disseminate lividuals doing regulated high-risk work understand how to meet requirements.

e good understanding of roles, responsibilities and expectations. Establish h key third-party organisations including accreditation agencies and professional

nderstand their biggest challenges with current regulatory frameworks so we can

or decision making about permits and exemptions. Communicate these to ecision making that reflects our position

rmitting processes and registers so application and renewal is quicker and easier. processes as this becomes feasible.

d high-risk work and communicate this to stakeholders, including how we will

at businesses doing regulated high-risk work have the right permits and are s are not met, take action consistent with our position.

# How we will track our progress

#### During Year 1 we expect to see

- Regular engagement between WorkSafe and regulated parties, including third parties.
- Clearer timeliness targets for WorkSafe permit activities.
- Continued audit, quality assurance and compliance monitoring activities in line with current approach.

### During Year 2 we expect to see

- Two-way information sharing between WorkSafe and regulated parties, including third parties.
- Clearly communicated expectations for regulated high-risk work.
- Improved efficiency of some permitting processes.
- Consistent approach to monitoring compliance with requirements for regulated high-risk work.



