

Electricity Supply Industry Health and Safety Workshop

11-12 August 2026
Commodore Hotel Chch

Day One – 11th August

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| 9.00 | Welcome and EEA Update
Hayley Head - Technical Safety and Engagement Lead, EEA |
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| 9.15 | Strengthening the Safety Framework: SSPG Update and SM-EI Review
Graeme Johnson - Chair SSPG, Omexom |
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| 10.00 | Morning Tea |
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| 10.15 | Beyond VR: Building Safer Decision Making Across Industry - Worker Safety Award Winner 2025
Paul Allan – Training Team Leader, MITA Consulting |
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| 10.45 | Proximity Working Permitting Process in NZ Electrified Rail Networks
Hugh Simmons - Senior Traction & Electrical Engineer, Infrastructure, KiwiRail |
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| 11.15 | Safe Distances Around Assets – Public Safety Award Winner 2025
Chris Clarke - Health and Safety Business Partner, Powerco |
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| 11.45 | Public Safety in Focus: Website Sneak Peak and PSWG Update
Jacques Brown - PSWG Chair, Top Energy |
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| 12.15 | Energy Safety Update: Key Issues and Insights -TBC
Gareth LeRoux - Technical Officer, Energy Safety |
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| 12.45 | Lunch |
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| 1.15 | Introduction to Psychosocial Risks
Dr Dougal Sutherland - Umbrella Wellbeing |
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| 2.15 | Copper Theft Panel Session & Workshop
Sacha Montgomery - Head of Quality, Health and Safety, Orion |
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| 3.15 | Afternoon Tea |
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| 3.30 | New Zealand's Changing H&S Regulatory Landscape
Adrian van Dyk - Regional Manager, Southern Inspectorate, Operations Group, WorkSafe |
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| 4.15 | Legal Overview
Tim MacKenzie – Barrister, Canterbury Chambers |
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| 5.00 | Closing Remarks
Hayley Head - Health and Safety and Engagement Lead, EEA |
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6 – 7 pm Social Function

7 – 9.30 pm Networking Dinner

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8.30	Workplace Fatality Experiences from Middle Management Guy Smith - Chief Health, Safety and Risk Officer, WM New Zealand
9.30	What Good Auditing Looks Like Mitesh Mudaliar - Management Systems Auditor, Telarc
10.00	Influencing Without Authority Jez Curwin - The Growth Partners
10.30	Morning Tea
10.50	Rotokawa Enforceable Undertaking Leigh McLellan - Site Engineering Lead – Geothermal, Mercury NZ
11.40	Critical Risk Workshop Carmen Lennon - Health, Safety and Risk Manager, Top Energy
12.10	Leading the Change: Creating Safer & More Productive Work Together Francois Barton - CE- Business Leaders Health and Safety Forum
12.45	Lunch
1.15	Common Competency Framework Introduction Brent Dais - CCF Governance Group Chair - Scanpower
1.30	Powerco's Adoption of the Common Competency Framework Dean Stevenson - Senior Operations Specialist, Powerco
2.00	Success of the Common Competency Framework Matt Iorangi - Head of Technical Training and Capability, Northpower
2.30	StayLive: Lifting Health, Safety and Capability Across Generation Richard Luoni - StayLive Chair, Contact Energy
3.00	National Committee for Live Work Update Geoff Thorburn - NCLW Chair and GM Operations, PowerNet
3.20	Closing Remarks Hayley Head, Health and Safety and Engagement Lead, EEA