

# Electricity Supply Industry Health and Safety Workshop

## 11-12 August 2026

### Commodore Hotel Chch

#### Day One - 11<sup>th</sup> August

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- 9.00     **Welcome and EEA Update**  
Hayley Head, EEA Technical Safety and Engagement Lead
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- 9.30     **Strengthening the Safety Framework: SSPG Update and SM-EI Review**  
Graeme Johnson, Chair SSPG, Omexom
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- 10.15    **Morning Tea**
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- 10.30    **Beyond VR: Building Safer Decision Making Across Industry - Worker Safety Award Winner 2025**  
Mark Adams, General Manager - MITA Consulting
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- 11.00    **Proximity Working Permitting Process**  
Hugh Simmons, Senior Traction & Electrical Engineer - Infrastructure, KiwiRail
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- 11.30    **Safe Distances Around Assets - Public Safety Award Winner 2025**  
Craig Stewart, Head of Health and Safety - Powerco
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- 12.00    **Energy Safety Update: Key Issues and Insights -TBC**  
Gareth LeRoux, Technical Officer - Energy Safety
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- 12.30    **Public Safety in Focus: Website Release and PSWG Update**  
Jacques Brown, PSWG Chair - Top Energy
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- 1.00     **Lunch**
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- 1.30     **Psychological Risks**  
Dougal Sutherland, Orange Umbrella
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- 2.30     **Workshop - TBC**
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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**  
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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
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- 9.30 **What Good Auditing Looks Like**  
Mitesh Mudalair, Management Systems Auditor - Telarc
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- 10.00 TBC
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- 10.30 **Morning Tea**
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- 10.50 **Rotokawa Enforceable Undertaking**  
Leigh McLellan, Site Engineering lead Geothermal - Mercury Energy
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- 11.40 **Workshop - Health and Safety Reporting**  
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- 12.10 TBC
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- 12.45 **Lunch**
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- 1.15 **Common Competency Framework Introduction**  
Brent Dais, CCF governance Group Chair - Scanpower
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- 1.30 **Powerco's Adoption of the Common Competency Framework**  
Dean Stevenson, Senior Operations Specialist - Powerco
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- 2.00 **Success of the Common Competency Framework**  
Matt Iorangi, Head of Technical Training and Capability - Northpower
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- 2.30 **StayLive: Lifting Health, Safety and Capability Across Generation**  
StayLive Chairs, Callum Dimond - Pioneer Energy and Richard Luoni - Contact Energy
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- 3.00 **National Committee for Live Work Update**  
Geoff Thorburn, NCLW Chair and GM Operations, PowerNet
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- 3.20 **Closing Remarks**  
Hayley Head, Health and Safety and Engagement Lead, EEA