

Electricity Supply Industry Health and Safety Workshop

11-12 August 2026
Commodore Hotel Chch

Day One – 11th August

9.00	Welcome and EEA Update Hayley Head, Technical Safety and Engagement Lead - EEA
9.30	Strengthening the Safety Framework: SSPG Update and SM-EI Review Graeme Johnson, Chair SSPG - Omexom
10.15	Morning Tea
10.30	Beyond VR: Building Safer Decision Making Across Industry - Worker Safety Award Winner 2025 Mark Adams, General Manager - MITA Consulting
11.00	Proximity Working Permitting Process Hugh Simmons, Senior Traction & Electrical Engineer - Infrastructure - KiwiRail
11.30	Safe Distances Around Assets – Public Safety Award Winner 2025 Craig Stewart, Head of Health and Safety - Powerco
12.00	Energy Safety Update: Key Issues and Insights -TBC Gareth LeRoux, Technical Officer - Energy Safety
12.30	Public Safety in Focus: Website Release and PSWG Update Jacques Brown, PSWG Chair - Top Energy
1.00	Lunch
1.30	Introduction to Psychosocial Risks Dr Dougal Sutherland - Umbrella Wellbeing
2.30	Workshop – TBC
3.15	Afternoon Tea
3.30	New Zealand's Changing H&S Regulatory Landscape Adrian van Dyk, Regional Manager, Southern Inspectorate, Operations Group - WorkSafe
4.15	Legal Overview Tim MacKenzie, Barrister – Canterbury Chambers
5.00	Closing Remarks Hayley Head, Health and Safety and Engagement Lead - EEA

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	TBC
10.30	Morning Tea
10.50	Rotokawa Enforceable Undertaking Leigh McLellan, Site Engineering Lead - Geothermal - Mercury NZ
11.40	Workshop - Health and Safety Reporting Hayley Head, Technical Safety and Engagement Lead - EEA
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 StayLive Chairs, Callum Dimond - Pioneer Energy and Richard Luoni – 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