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Safe Work Australia

By email: WESConsult@swa.gov.au

To whom it may concern,

RE: Diesel Exhaust Emissions – proposed Work Exposure Standard

Victorian Trades Hall Council (VTHC) is the peak body for unions across Victoria, representing 40 unions and over 430 000 workers. These workers are members of unions that reach into every industry in the state, both in public and private sectors. Since its inception VTHC has played a central role in the fight for workers' rights and entitlements, including Occupational Health and Safety rights. VTHC will continue to campaign tirelessly for the rights and protections of workers in Victoria, no matter their employment status, employer or workplace.

Diesel Exhaust is the second most common carcinogen to which workers are exposed. The introduction of a standard will lead to better enforcement pathways, more effective monitoring and ultimately fewer people suffering from short and longterm health effects. VTHC has had the opportunity to contribute to, and review, the submission made by the Australian Council of Trade Unions and writes in support of that submission.

Please feel free to contact

should you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely,

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