

Tasmanian Forest Safety Code Update

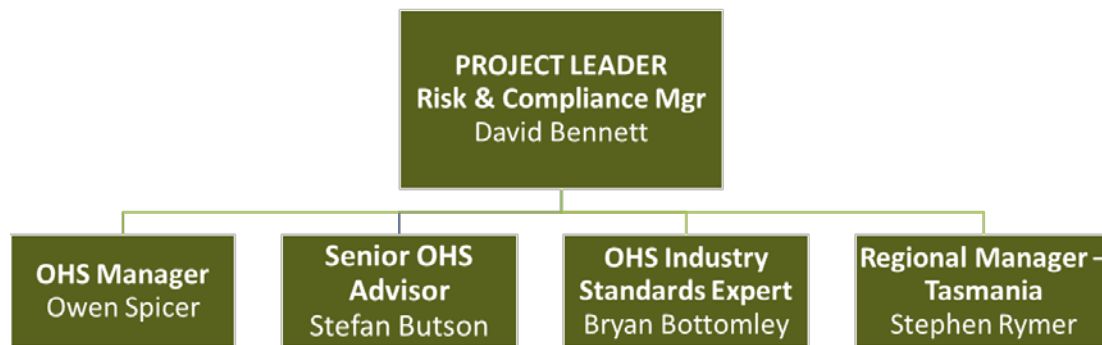
Since winning the contract to review the Tasmanian Forest Safety Code, the PF Olsen Australia project team has begun work on Stage 1 of the project.

Stage 1 involves:

- Developing a communications plan for the project
- Developing a draft code structure
- Writing on section of the code to establish a style and format.

These materials will be presented to the Steering Committee on Thursday, 23rd April and finalised by the end of April.

The project team working is outlined below



The Principal Consultant (Project Leader) is David Bennett. David specialises in the development and implementation of cost-effective systems for forest managers, contractors and timber processors, aimed at reducing risk and improving compliance. He is responsible for PF Olsen Australia’s risk and compliance systems. He is an experienced forester with qualifications in law. He led the project that prepared Victorian Worksafe’s Industry Standard for Safety in Forestry Operations – Harvesting and Haulage and ForestWorks ISC – Log Haulage Manual.

Owen is the PF Olsen Australia OH&S Manager with over 33 years’ experience in harvesting, haulage, silvicultural and civil operations within plantation and native forests. Owen has conducted more than 1500 safety audits of field operations throughout Victoria, South Australia, New South Wales and Queensland. Owen has conducted risk assessments and prepared practical guidance material for contractors involved in forest operations throughout Australia.

Stefan Butson has 20 years hands-on experience in the safety sphere. Working with regulators and national and international agribusiness, manufacturing and transport businesses within Australia and New Zealand. Stefan has practical experience implementing drug and alcohol testing and has in depth understanding of human factors that are likely to impair decision making in hazardous workplaces.

Stephen Rymer is based at PF Olsen Australia's office in Launceston. He is a professional forester with over 15 years of experience of plantation management across southern Australia. He has broad experience in both hardwood and softwood plantation establishment, harvesting, certification, fire management and project management. In the last 3 years Stephen has managed operations for PF Olsen Australia clients in Tasmania.

Bryan Bottomley is principal of Bryan Bottomley & Associates. He is a recognised nationally for his practical approach to developing workable solutions in complex areas of health and safety. He has held senior executive positions in all aspects of the Victorian Government's OHS agency including responsibility for state-wide inspection, audit and prosecution programs. He was involved with preparing the Victorian Worksafe's Industry Standard for Safety in Forestry Operations – Harvesting and Haulage

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