

Charles Darwin University Occupational Health and Safety consultation and representation – the formation of Work Groups and the election of Health and Safety Representatives

Intention of the consultation:

The formation of Work Groups and the subsequent election of HSRs is part of the University's compliance with the OHS requirements for consultation and worker representation under the Act. The Act (Part 4) intends to provide the opportunity for workers to influence decisions that may affect their health or safety and to facilitate the sharing of relevant OHS information between employers and employees.

The CDU proposal includes the establishment of 12 Work Groups (WG):

1. Alice Springs campus WG
2. Katherine campus WG, consisting of Katherine (rural) campus & town centre and Mataranka Station
3. Palmerston campus WG
4. Remote Operations WG, consisting of training centres at Jabiru, Nhulunbuy, Tennant Creek and Yulara
5. Blue Precinct (Casuarina campus) WG
6. Brown Precinct (Casuarina campus) WG
7. Green Precinct (Casuarina campus) WG
8. Orange Precinct (Casuarina campus) WG
9. Pink Precinct (Casuarina campus) WG
10. Purple Precinct (Casuarina campus) WG
11. Red Precinct (Casuarina campus) WG
12. Yellow Precinct (Casuarina campus) WG

CDU Management recommends that Work Groups (once established) call upon Mr Ross Springolo, Director Strategic Planning, Projects & Review and University Secretary to act as their returning officer for the subsequent HSR election process.

Should you be unable to attend this presentation or have further questions / feedback, please contact Horst Walter. The University is planning to continue the consultation period for four (4) weeks following this presentation and consultation session. It is the University's aim to establish Work Groups at the end of the consultation period. Work Groups and their returning officer will then be able to launch the HSR election process as soon as practicable.

This proposal and the handouts for the information and consultation session are available from the PMD website (<http://www.cdu.edu.au/pmd/>, under Quick links).

Information on Work Groups and HSRs is outlined in Sections 33 to 35 of the Act and Regulations 35A to 35C of the NT Workplace Health and Safety Regulations.

The Act and Regulations are available via this link:
<http://www.worksafe.nt.gov.au/corporate/legislation.shtml>.