

Local Government. Under the *Transport Safety Investigation Act 2003* (CTH) (TSI Act), the Executive Director of Transport Safety Investigation in the ATSB is responsible for the investigation of aviation, rail and marine transport safety matters. The ATSB conducts its investigations in accordance with 'no-blame' principles and independently of other government agencies and private organisations. The SIA also acknowledges that the ATSB has a policy, coordination, research and statistics role in the area of road safety. Through its mandate, the ATSB seeks to positively influence transport safety by facilitating awareness and action in response to safety issues identified by the ATSB rather than to prescribe or enforce safety solutions. These are matters for other parties such as transport regulators.

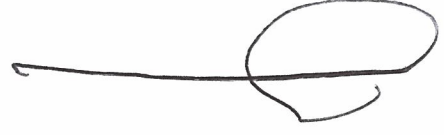
This letter provides a basis for mutual co-operation between our two organisations as strategic partners in the promotion of health and safety through, for example, the identification and conduct and promulgation of appropriate investigations that are, directed primarily at, or applicable to, the customers of both organisations.

However, this letter shall not in any way limit the role and independence of the ATSB or the SIA, or inhibit their ability to speak independently on any health and safety related issue.

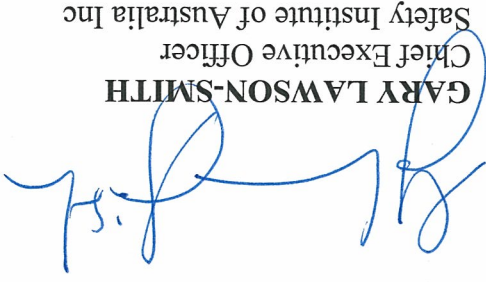
The following guidelines provide a basis for this mutual co-operation to the degree that resources permit and without compromising the ATSB's principles of no-blame and independence:

- The ATSB and SIA will recognise each other's mutual aim to improve transport safety and will undertake to support each other in the pursuit of that aim, recognising that the ATSB and SIA may have different means of achieving that aim.
- Representatives of senior staff of the ATSB and senior officers of the SIA will seek to meet informally on a six-monthly basis to discuss subjects of mutual interest, including the consideration of possible joint research projects in transport safety.
- The ATSB will seek to provide safety-related articles for publication in SIA's magazine *Australian Safety + Health Matters* and peer review journal *Safety In Australia*.
- The ATSB and the SIA will seek to identify areas of joint publication of reports, handbooks and miscellaneous publications related to health and safety-related transport investigations, and it is intended that a separate agreement will be negotiated for each publication.
- The ATSB will liaise with the SIA to identify areas for joint meetings and participation in conferences on professional topics associated with the promotion of health and safety and related investigations across the transport industry.

Yours sincerely,



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