

FACT SHEET

Repeal of Regulations Postponement Bill (No. 2) 2011

- This Bill is one of a package of Bills developed to give effect to the national model work health and safety laws in Tasmania.
- The *Work Health and Safety Bill 2011* and the *Work Health and Safety (Transitional and Consequential Provisions Bill) 2011* together repeal and replace the existing *Workplace Health and Safety Act 1995* with a proposed Act mirroring the provisions of the national Model Work Health and Safety Bill.
- The commencement of the above Bills is dependent on proposed regulations, based on the national Model Work Health and Safety Regulations, commencing on the same day.
- The intended commencement date is 1 January 2012. However, given that the model regulations have been developed through national processes, and have already suffered some delays, there is a potential for further delays to occur.
- Tasmania's staged repeal of the *Workplace Health and Safety Regulations 1998* is due to be effected on 1 January 2012.
- To prevent any time gap arising between the repeal of the existing Workplace Health and Safety Regulations and the coming into effect of the replacement regulations, if the latter are delayed, the Bill postpones the repeal date of the former until 1 January 2013.