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**BY EMAIL**

Dear Coroner Jamieson,

**RE: COR 2016 005097 Investigation into the death of Ivica Andrijasevic**

We refer to your letter dated 7 April 2022, received by Standards Australia via email on 21 July 2022 regarding the Coronial Investigation into the tragic death of Ivica Andrijasevic.

We acknowledge the tragic circumstances in which Mr Andrijasevic died. Our sincere thoughts are with Mr Andrijasevic's family and loved ones.

Following on from our letter dated 26 July 2022, we note that the following recommendation directed to Standards Australia in the Coroner's letter:

*"5. In the interests of public health and safety and preventing like deaths, I recommend that:*

*Standards Australia engage the appropriate experts to review AS 2550.10-2006. I recommend that the review includes a consideration of the circumstances in which Ivica Andrijasevic died, and my Findings regarding his untimely and preventable death."*

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### Next steps

ME-005, the Technical Committee responsible for AS 2550.10-2006 *Cranes, hoists and winches—Safe use, Part 10: Mobile elevating work platforms*, is currently working on a project to revise this standard. Standards Australia therefore asked ME-005 and its relevant subcommittees to consider the Coroner's Findings and consider whether in this current review any amendments to the standard ought to be made in light of those Findings.

#### *Current requirements in standards relating to Mobile elevating work platforms*

In response to this request, Subcommittee ME-005-10 wishes to draw the Coroner's attention to the fact that the current edition of AS 2550.10 includes a requirement for a preoperational inspection before the commencement of each work shift which includes specified visual inspections and functional tests before the use of a mobile elevating work platform (MEWP). As part of the pre-operational inspection, all safety-related problems are required to be recorded, reported and resolved prior to using the MEWP.

Furthermore, the standard requires that all irregularities concerning the operation of the MEWP, any abnormal noise or movement, and all incidences concerning the safe operation of the MEWP must be recorded in the logbook and communicated to the responsible person. The standard also currently requires replacement components to be identical or equivalent to the original components.

The Subcommittee has also noted that AS/NZS 1418.10:2011 *Cranes, hoists and winches, Part 10: Mobile elevating work platforms*, which includes requirements for the Controls for MEWPs, specifies that Control devices that control any movement of the MEWP automatically return to the 'off' or 'neutral' position when released.

#### *Proposed changes to standards relating to Mobile elevating work platforms*

In considering the Coroner's Findings and recommendation directed to Standards Australia, and in light of the existing requirements in the standards as noted above, the Subcommittee considered increasing the frequency of preoperational inspections and has

agreed to adopt as part of its revision of AS 2550.10 a requirement for a preoperational inspection at a change of operator in addition to the current requirement of conducting such an inspection before the commencement of every shift. The Subcommittee was mindful that any further increase to the frequency of preoperational inspections might give rise to the potential for non-compliance or human error or oversight due to haste or complacency when conducting those inspections (for example the perceived significance of the inspection may be reduced if inspections are to be conducted too frequently).

In addition, the Committee has agreed to include in the preoperational inspection required by AS 2550.10 a functional check that controls return to neutral when released, which will complement the current requirement in AS/NZS 1418.10. Furthermore, in a separate project to revise AS/NZS 1418.10, the Committee has agreed to include a requirement for the operators' manual to include preoperational inspections, which will reflect the usual industry practice.

We will notify the court of any updates on the above standards, but if you have any questions in the meantime, please contact me on 02 9237 6163 or at [christina.forsyth@standards.org.au](mailto:christina.forsyth@standards.org.au).

Yours sincerely



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