



WELCOME to the Simmat & Associates Newsletter!

Team News

5 minutes with **Nick Ballard, Management Consultant**

What are your areas of expertise within your role? **Environmental and OHS issues.** Particularly environmental, health and safety compliance auditing and due diligence advice, this includes Phase 1 environmental site assessments. Project management associated with large scale due diligence projects is another area I am strong in. In addition I have ten years asbestos consultancy experience, conducting surveys and developing management plans mainly within the built environment (not contaminated land).

Qualifications? **Bachelor of Science (Honours) - Global Forest Resources & Forest Products Technology, University of Brunel, United Kingdom, 1998; WorkCover NSW OHS Consultation Course; 24hr HAZWOPER Training Course; OHS General Induction for Construction Work in New South Wales; NEBOSH General Certificate in Occupational Health & Safety; Occupational Hygiene: P402 Buildings Surveys & Bulk Sampling for Asbestos; Occupational Hygiene: S301 Asbestos & Other Fibres; IEMA Advanced Environmental Management Systems Auditing; IEMA Foundation in Environmental Auditing.**

Interests outside of work? **Trying to stay healthy!** I exercise on a regular basis and want to get back into yoga. I also try to play the guitar and have started playing five a-side football again. I also recently bought a wave ski so I'm looking forward to getting out on that now its warming up.

Projects you are currently working on...? **Projects have been varied since I started and I've mainly been auditing against the three standards (ISO9001, 14001 and AS4801).** What I've enjoyed so far is the varied client base i.e. large and small companies and the interaction with people that want to learn and develop their company.

Do delivery drivers need Safe Work Method Statements?

Q: If a delivery driver enters a site and unloads something, what are their safety requirements and do they need Safe Work Method Statements? (for example concrete trucks)"

A: Technically, delivery drivers are all participating in "construction work", so yes, they should meet the requirements of a site specific management plan and fulfil the obligations for any sub-contractor working on site.

However, meeting this requirement in the industry is a constant battle, and there are a few key ways it should be approached.

1. A principal contractor needs to consider the hazards that delivery drivers would be exposed to (in a SWMS for staff or a project based risk assessment) and thus implement controls to minimise their exposure to these hazards;
2. You might choose to treat them as a visitor to the site and if they are inside the fence they must sign on as a visitor, wear PPE, and do a visitors induction;
3. In unloading they could hurt other people, so they should be outlining to you in a SWMS how they plan to do this safely;
4. If they are unloading on the street they are not within your site, thus not in your control. However, if a sub-contractor or one of your staff are then handling the materials into the site via fork, crane or manual labour, then those individuals would need SWMS, inductions etc;
5. A classic example is a concrete pump operator vs. a concrete truck delivery driver. The pump operators and linesman will be inducted and have SWMS etc, and the concrete truck driver will never enter the site. If the concrete truck driver comes onto the site to use the lunch room or go to the bathroom then they need to be inducted / treated as a visitor. If the Concrete truck driver goes up to the deck and looks at the pour – they are working and need all of the above and their own SWMS.

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EarthCheck—sustainable business practice certified

EarthCheck, founded by Sustainable Tourism CRC, began in 1987 with one goal in mind: to minimise the unnecessary consumption of our natural resources and subsequently reducing waste by providing direct solutions to the control of waste and management of non-renewable resources. They are the world leading initiative to environmental management of resources and is used by over 1000 organisations in more than 65 countries.

EarthCheck is one of just a handful of certification bodies that complies with internationally recognised standards such as the Intergovernmental Panel for Climate Change (IPCC) Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories, the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) Greenhouse Gas Protocol, and the International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO) 14064 range of standards for greenhouse gas accounting. EarthCheck principles are based on the Rio Earth Summit's Agenda 21.

Being of a similar nature to the International Environmental Standard ISO 14000 series, EarthCheck's primary objective is to persuade companies to think more environmentally and socially 'green' through the effective management of their resources and not just to ensure companies are following environmentally tailored procedures. As outlined in EarthCheck's Fact Sheet 1, "The ISO (14000 series) standards do not in themselves set performance benchmarks, but rather, they concentrate on identifying how to achieve a goal, rather than setting what the goal should be."

EarthCheck also provide a Sustainable Building Planning and Design Standard with key assessable indicators of performance achievements in the master plan, building and infrastructure design, building location and siting, energy efficiency, water and waste management, resource conservation of materials, chemical use, wastewater and stormwater management, and social and economic commitment.

EarthCheck targets the three main areas prominent to the tourism and hospitality industry, being water, energy and waste. Benchmarks are set for each area and a 'best practice' level is aimed for.

Visit EarthCheck's website www.earthcheck.org for more information regarding EarthCheck processes and commitment to environmental sustainability.

The main benefits to implement EarthCheck Standards include:

- Reducing operational costs;
- Building company, consumer and investor confidence;
- The provision of independent assessment reports for environmental performance;
- Comparison against industry Baseline and Best Practice;
- Enhancing the market profile for both the project and developer;
- Gaining greater community, industry and government acceptance;
- Efficient use of natural resources;
- Protection of natural site features; and
- Compliance with international design Standards (e.g. LEED, GBCA, BREAM...), but with a triple bottom line focus and more specific guidelines for travel and tourism.

Here at Simmat and Associates, we can assist businesses to set up a system to comply with the regulations of EarthCheck. For more information regarding how your business can benefit from this please contact one our consultants today on 02 9451 2211 or email info@simmat.com.au.

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WorkCover launches online premium estimator

"As any business owner will tell you, time is money and the ability to easily get an estimate of your workers compensation premium will save both time and money. The Premium Estimator makes it easier for start-ups, businesses looking to diversify or those looking to expand, to check their workers compensation premium and is part of WorkCover's customer-focused approach to helping NSW employers."

Hunt said WorkCover sought feedback from employer groups and businesses during the development of the Premium Estimator. "We acknowledge that managing workers compensation premiums can be a source of frustration and confusion for many small businesses," Hunt said.

"Businesses can identify their WorkCover Industry Classification using the Premium Estimator, which will help them to better understand their workers compensation premiums, while giving assurance they are properly classified. It also enables businesses to plan for the future by testing what happens to their workers compensation premiums if they add or change business activities, change staffing levels or have a claim.

"The Premium Estimator can also be used by vision- or mobility-impaired people because it meets the World Wide Web Consortium's Web Content Accessibility Guidelines. WorkCover worked with an accessibility specialist to ensure people with different levels of vision impairment could use the estimator and participants with a range of impairments physically tested the estimator during development.

"We have ensured the needs of our customers have been incorporated into the Premium Estimator and believe it is an excellent resource that will help employers better understand and manage their workers compensation insurance."

For more information, visit the WorkCover [website](#).

Training and Development

Environmental Management Fundamentals

When: [Register your interest for upcoming dates](#)

Where: Frenchs Forest

What: This course covers basic terms, explanations, and clarity on some of the fundamental environmental management issues that we are now exposed to in business on a daily basis.

Walk away from this course with a good level of introductory exposure to cutting through the 'industry green wash', and with some clear objectives to exploring your environmental management needs in your own organisation.

Price: \$495 per person

Quality Management Systems Course

When: [Register your interest for upcoming dates](#)

Where: Frenchs Forest

What: This course is your opportunity to get a basic or better understanding of Quality Management Systems. Our trainers will work with each participant in the group to answer questions about your specific management system and your industry while providing an insight into the requirements of ISO 9001.

Price: \$495 per person

Legal Compliance Register

Our legal compliance register delivers relevant information on a range of applicable Legislation, Acts, Regulations and Codes of Practice saving you from having to trawl thousands of webpage's for the ones that are relevant to the industry.

Benefits:

- Quarterly updates of State and Commonwealth Legislation, Acts, Regulations and Codes of Practice;
- Summaries of how a requirement may apply on-site;
- Cost effective information tailored to the construction industry;
- Easy Ready Reference;
- Valuable content for your toolbox, and project meetings;
- Get the facts without the hassle;
- Requests for additional reviews included in the next issue; and
- Save time reviewing information.

[Contact us for further information on our legal compliance register](#)

LET US KNOW WHAT TRAINING YOU NEED AND WE CAN ORGANISE A COURSE AROUND YOU

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