

**Locate and Expose Existing Services | SAFE WORK METHOD STATEMENT (SWMS)**

**TASK OR ACTIVITY: Locate and Expose Existing Services**

Business Name: [Company Name]	ABN: [ABN]	SWMS#
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Business Address: [Company Address]

Contact Person:	Phone: [Phone]	Email:
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**THIS SAFE WORK METHOD STATEMENT IS APPROVED BY THE PCBU OF THE PROJECT**

Under the Work Health and Safety Regulation (WHS Regulation), a person conducting a business or undertaking (PCBU) is required to ensure that a safe work method statement (SWMS) is prepared before the proposed work starts.

Full Name:

Signature:	Title:	Date:
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Details of the person(s) responsible for ensuring implementation, monitoring and compliance of the SWMS, as well as reviews and modifications of the SWMS.

Full Name:	Title:	Phone:
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**ALL PERSONNEL PARTICIPATING IN ANY ACTIVITY ON THIS SWMS MUST HAVE THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATED** | **NAME AND DATED SIGNATURE OF ALL RELEVANT PERSONNEL WHO HAVE BEEN CONSULTED AND COMMUNICATED TO IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND APPROVAL OF THIS SWMS**

	NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
Safety meetings or toolbox talks will be scheduled in accordance with legislative requirements to first identify any site hazards, to conduct and communicate those hazards and then to further take steps to either eliminate or control each hazard.			
If an incident or a near miss occurs, all work must stop immediately. Depending on the severity of the incident, a meeting will be called with all workers to amend the SWMS if required. The meeting may also be an educational opportunity.			
Any changes made to the SWMS after an incident or a near miss must be approved by the Person Conducting Business or Undertaking and communicated to all relevant personnel.			
The SWMS must be kept and be available for inspection at least until the work is completed. Where a SWMS is revised, all versions should be kept. If a notifiable incident occurs in relation to which the SWMS relates, then the SWMS must be kept for at least two years from the occurrence of the notifiable incident.			

**CLIENT OR PRINCIPAL CONTRACTOR DETAILS**

Client:	SCOPE OF WORKS Provide a detailed description of the specific work being carried out (otherwise known as scope of works).
Project Name:	
Project Address:	
Project Manager:	
Contact Phone:	
Project Manager Signature:	
Date SWMS supplied to Project Manager:	

**ANY HIGH-RISK CONSTRUCTION WORK BEING CARRIED OUT**

<input type="checkbox"/> involves a risk of a person falling more than 2 meters.	<input type="checkbox"/> is carried out on or near pressurised gas mains or piping.
<input type="checkbox"/> is carried out on a telecommunication tower.	<input type="checkbox"/> is carried out on or near chemical, fuel or refrigerant lines.
<input type="checkbox"/> involves demolition of an element of a structure that is load-bearing.	<input type="checkbox"/> is carried out on or near energised electrical installations or services.
<input type="checkbox"/> involves demolition of an element related to the physical integrity of a structure.	<input type="checkbox"/> is carried out in an area that may have a contaminated or flammable atmosphere.
<input type="checkbox"/> involves, or is likely to involve, disturbing asbestos.	<input type="checkbox"/> involves tilt-up or precast concrete.
<input type="checkbox"/> involves structural alteration or repair that requires temporary support to prevent collapse.	<input type="checkbox"/> is carried out on, in or adjacent to a road, railway, shipping lane or other traffic corridor.
<input type="checkbox"/> is carried out in or near a confined space.	<input type="checkbox"/> is carried out in an area of a workplace where there is any movement of powered mobile plant.
<input type="checkbox"/> is carried out in/near a shaft or trench deeper than 1.5m or tunnel involving use of explosives.	<input type="checkbox"/> is carried out in areas with artificial extremes of temperature.
<input type="checkbox"/> is carried out in or near water or other liquid that involves a risk of drowning.	<input type="checkbox"/> involves diving work.

**ANY HIGH-RISK MACHINERY OR EQUIPMENT NEARBY**

<input type="checkbox"/> Forklift	<input type="checkbox"/> Crane/s	<input type="checkbox"/> Hoist/s	<input type="checkbox"/> Excavator	<input type="checkbox"/> Backhoe/Loader	<input type="checkbox"/> Boom Lift	<input type="checkbox"/> EWP	<input type="checkbox"/> Genie Lift
<input type="checkbox"/> Trencher	<input type="checkbox"/> Drilling Rig	<input type="checkbox"/> Trucks	<input type="checkbox"/> Formwork	<input type="checkbox"/> Bobcat	<input type="checkbox"/> Flammable Gas	<input type="checkbox"/> Fuel	<input type="checkbox"/> Dozer
<input type="checkbox"/> High Voltage	<input type="checkbox"/> Mulcher	<input type="checkbox"/> Tilt-up Panels	<input type="checkbox"/> Roller	<input type="checkbox"/> Scissor Lift	<input type="checkbox"/> Tractor	<input type="checkbox"/> Other -	

**RISK MATRIX**

LIKELIHOOD	INSIGNIFICANT	MINOR	MODERATE	MAJOR	CATASTROPHIC	SCORE	ACTION	HEIRARCHY OF CONTROLS
ALMOST CERTAIN	3 HIGH	3 HIGH	4 ACUTE	4 ACUTE	4 ACUTE	4A ACUTE	DO NOT PROCEED	<b>Elimination</b> Remove the hazard.
LIKELY	2 MODERATE	3 HIGH	3 HIGH	4 ACUTE	4 ACUTE	3H HIGH	Review before work starts.	<b>Substitution</b> Replace the hazard.
POSSIBLE	1 LOW	2 MODERATE	3 HIGH	4 ACUTE	4 ACUTE	2M MODERATE	Ensure control measures in place.	<b>Isolation</b> Isolate People from the hazard
UNLIKELY	1 LOW	1 LOW	2 MODERATE	3 HIGH	4 ACUTE	1L LOW	Monitor and keep records	<b>Engineering</b> Isolate the hazard.
RARE	1 LOW	1 LOW	2 MODERATE	3 HIGH	3 HIGH			<b>Administrative</b> Change the work.
								<b>PPE</b>

**Notes on Hierarchy of Controls:** Elimination methods are the most effective and preferred when controlling a hazard. Substitution is the second most effective method of controlling a hazard. Engineering by isolation is the third most effective, while Administrative Controls by changing the work is the fourth most effective method. PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) is the least effective method.

**PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)**

FOOT PROTECTION	HAND PROTECTION	HEAD PROTECTION	HEARING PROTECTION	EYE/FACE PROTECTION	RESPIRATORY PROTECTION	FACE PROTECTION	HIGH-VIS CLOTHING	PROTECTIVE CLOTHING	FALL PROTECTION	SUN PROTECTION	HAIR/JEWELLERY SECURED
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Select the appropriate PPE above suitable for the equipment used or the job task being performed (if applicable).

**Note:** A SWMS must be reviewed regularly to make sure it remains effective. A SWMS must be reviewed (and revised if necessary) if relevant control measures are revised. The review process should be carried out in consultation with workers (including contractors and subcontractors) who may be affected by the operation of the SWMS and their health and safety representatives who represented that work group at the workplace.

When a SWMS has been revised, the person conducting a business or undertaking must ensure all:

1. persons involved in the work are advised that a revision has been made and how they can access the revised SWMS;
2. persons who will need to change a work procedure or system as a result of the review are advised of the changes in a way that will enable them to implement their duties consistently with the revised SWMS; and,
3. workers that will be involved in the work are provided with the relevant information and instruction that will assist them to understand and implement the revised SWMS.

JOB STEP	POTENTIAL HAZARDS	IR	CONTROL MEASURES	RR	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
SPECIFIC WORK STEPS	HAZARDS THAT MAY ARISE	INITIAL RISK	SPECIFIC MEASURES TO BE PUT IN PLACE TO ELIMINATE OR CONTROL THE RISKS	RESIDUAL RISK	NAME OF PERSON
1. Preparation	Incorrect PPE, Inadequate training	2M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conduct thorough risk assessments and safety inductions for all workers involved in the project, ensuring they understand the specific hazards associated with locating and exposing existing services.</li> <li>- Enforce the mandatory use of appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), such as high-visibility clothing, steel-toecapped boots, gloves, hard hats, and safety glasses, for all personnel on site.</li> <li>- Establish a clear list of required PPE based on the specific job tasks, and display the list conspicuously at the worksite for easy reference by all workers.</li> <li>- Verify that all employees have completed relevant industry-specific training and hold valid certifications in areas such as utility detection, confined space entry, first aid, and traffic control, if required.</li> <li>- Provide regular refresh training courses for workers to enhance their skills, deepen hazard awareness, and ensure compliance with current Workplace Health and Safety standards.</li> <li>- Develop comprehensive Safe Work Method Statements (SWMS) outlining the procedures for locating and exposing existing utilities, including detailed information about the potential hazards, control measures, and emergency protocols.</li> <li>- Implement a strict incident-reporting protocol that encourages workers to report any identified hazards or non-compliance issues so that corrective actions can be taken promptly.</li> <li>- Assign a competent supervisor to monitor every task closely, ensuring that all workers comply with the proper use of PPE and adherence to safe work procedures in performing the task.</li> <li>- Utilise signage to identify hazardous zones where locate and expose work is being performed, alerting pedestrians and other workers to maintain a safe distance from these areas.</li> <li>- Plan and coordinate work scheduling effectively to avoid overcrowding and minimise exposure to hazards within the designated workplaces.</li> <li>- Conduct regular equipment inspections, maintenance and audits to ensure all tools and devices needed for the locate and expose work are functioning correctly, thus minimising the risk of accidents due to equipment failure.</li> <li>- Foster a positive and supportive safety culture within the organisation by recognising and rewarding workers for adhering to safety protocols, encouraging open communication about safety concerns, and continuously reviewing and improving safety measures.</li> </ul>	1L	
2. Site Assessment	Inaccurate site marking, Trip hazards	3H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conduct a thorough site assessment by a qualified personnel prior to commencing Locate &amp; Expose Existing Services job.</li> <li>- Ensure all workers are familiar with the marked areas and potential hazards before beginning tasks.</li> </ul>	1L	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Utilise Dial-Before-You-Dig services for accurate underground service mark-outs, maps and site details.</li> <li>- Cross-reference information provided by utility companies to verify accuracy of markings before starting works.</li> <li>- Pre-mark work areas with coloured spray paint or marking flags to help visualise locations of services and potential hazard zones.</li> <li>- Conduct regular toolbox talks to inform workers about potential hazards and risk control measures for the task at hand.</li> <li>- Implement clear signage around the worksite, particularly near trip hazards and busy areas, to alert workers.</li> <li>- Keep the worksite free from clutter and unnecessary materials to minimise potential tripping hazards.</li> <li>- Perform regular inspections of the worksite, updating markings as needed when uncovering new or missed services during the progress of works.</li> <li>- Use barricades or cones to cordon off the work area to prevent unauthorised persons from accessing potentially dangerous zones.</li> <li>- Ensure workers wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) like safety boots with non-slip soles, hi-vis clothing, and head protection to minimise potential injuries caused by those hazards.</li> <li>- Train employees in situational awareness to be vigilant of their surroundings and continuously assess potential risks while working on-site.</li> <li>- Set up safe walkways, paths and routes for workers to navigate through the worksite without facing trip hazards or encountering inaccurate site markings.</li> </ul>		
3. Obtain Permits	Missing permit, Expired permits	2M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Obtain all relevant permits and approvals from the local council and utility providers prior to commencing work on locating and exposing existing services.</li> <li>- Ensure that all permits and necessary documentation are in place, updated, and comply with Australian legislation, regulations, and industry standards.</li> <li>- Conduct regular audits to ensure all required permits and documents are available on site and easily accessible for inspection by authorities or project personnel.</li> <li>- Provide all workers with appropriate training regarding permit requirements, including how to read and understand permits, conditions, and expiry dates.</li> <li>- Implement a permit management system that ensures timely renewal or extension of permits before they expire.</li> <li>- Establish clear lines of communication between project stakeholders to ensure any changes in scope of work or project timelines are communicated promptly and permits can be adjusted accordingly.</li> </ul>	1L	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Post copies of permits in prominent locations at the worksite to maintain awareness among workers of their obligations and to facilitate compliance with permit conditions.</li> <li>- Designate a responsible person or team within the organisation to monitor, manage, and maintain permit records, as well as to liaise with relevant authorities and utility providers.</li> <li>- Conduct periodic reviews of work processes for ongoing projects to identify potential changes that may require permit amendments, and act promptly to obtain necessary approvals.</li> <li>- Develop and implement contingency plans for potential delays or disruptions resulting from waiting for permits and approvals, such as reallocating resources and adjusting work schedules.</li> <li>- Promote a positive safety culture that encourages everyone involved in the project to be proactive in identifying and addressing concerns related to permit compliance and other critical safety matters.</li> </ul>		
4. Service Locating	Poor equipment calibration Electromagnetic interference	3H	<p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	2M	

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5. Excavation area setup	Poor barricading, Unstable	3H	[REDACTED]	1L	

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6. Operating excavation equipment	Striking services, Inexperienced operator	4A	[REDACTED]	2M	
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7. Manual excavation	Musculoskeletal injuries, Encountering debris	2M	[REDACTED]	1L	

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8. Expose existing utilities	Slips, trips and falls, Struck by object	3H	[REDACTED]	2M	
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9. Potholing	Collapsed pit walls, Contact with underground services	4A	[REDACTED]	3H	
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10. Document findings	Inaccurate data recording, Loss of documentation	2M	[REDACTED]	1L	
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11. Backfilling	Crushed or damaged utilities, Collapse of excavated area	3H	[REDACTED]	2M	

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12. Compaction & levelling	Improper tool use, Uneven surfaces	2M	[REDACTED]	1L	
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13. Clean-up & waste removal	Manual handling injuries, Hazmat exposure	3H	[REDACTED]	1L	

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14. Signage & barricade removal	Premature removal, Obstructed visibility	2M	[REDACTED]	1L	[REDACTED]

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			[REDACTED]		
15. Final inspection & report	Incomplete documentation, Unidentified hazards		[REDACTED]	1L	
			[REDACTED]		

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**EMERGENCY RESPONSE – CALL 000 FOR EMERGENCIES**

Ensure to have an Emergency Management Plan in place as well as adequate numbers of trained first aid staff with easy access to fully stocked first aid kits, rescue equipment, material safety data sheets, adequate access to emergency communication equipment and fire-fighting equipment suitable for all classes of fire and ignition sources.

**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCES**

RELEVANT LEGISLATION AND CODES OF PRACTICE. DELETE THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCES FOR ANY STATE THAT ARE NOT APPLICABLE

**Queensland & Australian Capital Territory**

Work Health and Safety Act 2011  
 Work Health and Safety Regulations 2011  
 Legislation QLD: <https://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/work-health-and-safety-laws>  
 Codes of Practice QLD: <https://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-practice>  
 Legislation ACT: <https://www.worksafe.act.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/acts-and-regulations>  
 Codes of Practice ACT: <https://www.worksafe.act.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-practice>

**Victoria**

Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004  
 Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2017  
 Legislation VIC: <https://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/occupational-health-and-safety-act-and-regulations>  
 Codes of Practice VIC: <https://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/compliance-codes-and-codes-practice>

**New South Wales**

Work Health and Safety Act 2011  
 Work Health and Safety Regulations 2017  
 Legislation NSW: <https://www.safework.nsw.gov.au/legal-obligations/legislation>  
 Codes of Practice NSW: <https://www.safework.nsw.gov.au/resource-library/list-of-codes-of-practice>

**Western Australia**

Work Health and Safety Act 2020  
 Work Health and Safety Regulations 2022  
 Legislation Western Australia: <https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/worksafe/legislation>  
 Codes of Practice WA: <https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/worksafe/codes-practice>

**Northern Territory**

Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Act 2011  
 Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Regulations 2011  
 Legislation NT: <https://worksafe.nt.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/workplaces-and-laws>  
 Codes of Practice NT: <https://worksafe.nt.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-practice>

**Safe Work Australia Links**

Law and Regulation (All States): <https://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/law-and-regulation>  
 Model Codes of Practice: <https://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/resources-publications/model-codes-of-practice>

**South Australia**

Work Health and Safety Act 2012 (SA)  
 Work Health and Safety Regulations 2012 (SA)  
 Legislation for SA: <https://www.safework.sa.gov.au/resources/legislation>  
 Codes of Practice for SA: <https://www.safework.sa.gov.au/workplaces/codes-of-practice#COPs>

**Model Codes of Practice**

- Managing noise and preventing hearing loss at work
- Confined spaces
- Labelling of workplace hazardous chemicals
- Managing risks of hazardous chemicals in the workplace
- Welding processes
- First aid in the workplace
- Managing the risk of falls at workplaces
- Hazardous manual tasks
- Managing the risk of falls in housing construction
- Managing electrical risks in the workplace
- Demolition work
- Excavation work
- Work health and safety consultation, cooperation and coordination
- Managing the work environment and facilities
- How to manage work health and safety risks
- Managing risks of plant in the workplace
- Construction work

**Tasmania**

Work Health and Safety Act 2012  
 Work Health and Safety (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Act 2012  
 Work Health and Safety Regulations 2012  
 Work Health and Safety (Transitional) Regulations 2012  
 Legislation for TAS: <https://worksafe.tas.gov.au/topics/laws-and-compliance/acts-and-regulations>  
 Codes of Practice for TAS: <https://worksafe.tas.gov.au/topics/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-practice>

Details of permits, licenses or access required by regulatory bodies (add or delete as required):

- Permits from local council
- Authorisation to commence work
- Any required documents.

**SIGNATORIES OF THE SAFE WORK METHOD STATEMENT**

The signed and dated personnel listed below have cooperated in the consultation and development of this Safe Work Method Statement which has been approved by the Person/s Conducting a Business or Undertaking (PCBU). In signing this Safe Work Method Statement each individual acknowledges and confirms that they have read this SWMS in full, having raised any questions for items on this Safe Work Method Statement that require clarification, and confirms that they are competent, skilled and knowledgeable for the task assigned to them. Every person acknowledges that they have received the relevant training and qualifications where required, before carrying out any work contained in this Safe Work Method Statement. By signing this Safe Work Method Statement each individual agrees to work safely, to follow any safe work instructions which are provided, and agrees to use all Personal Protective Equipment where appropriate.

Worker Name	Position	Signature	Date	Time	Supervisor
			Date:		
			Date:		
			Date:		
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**SAFE WORK METHOD STATEMENT MONITORING AND REVIEW**

**The SWMS must be reviewed regularly** to make sure it remains effective and must be reviewed (and revised if necessary) if relevant control measures are needed. The review process should be carried out in consultation with workers (including contractors and subcontractors) who may be affected by the operation of the SWMS and their health and safety representatives who represented that work group at the workplace.

When the SWMS has been revised the PCBU must ensure that all persons involved with the work are advised that a revision has been made and how they can access the revised SWMS, including all persons who will need to change a work procedure or system as a result of the review are advised of the changes in a way that will enable them to implement their duties consistently with the revised SWMS. All workers that will be involved in the work must be provided with the relevant information and instruction that will assist them to understand and implement the revised SWMS.

**The SWMS must be monitored regularly** for the effectiveness of ensuring hazard controls are effective in reducing the risk of incidents, keeping the workplace safe for all personnel. The person responsible for monitoring the effectiveness of the Safe Work Method Statement should employ a multi-faceted approach which includes but is not limited to:

1. Spot Checks.
2. Consultation with workers, contractors and sub-contractors.
3. Internal audits on a continual basis.

An approach of continuous improvement, promptly recording inconsistencies or deficiencies, followed up by immediate corrective action and consultation with all relevant personnel ensures that the PCBU is consistently developing ever-improving systems of safe work principles.

REVIEW NUMBER	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7
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**SAFE WORK METHOD STATEMENT REVIEW CHECKLIST**

This Safe Work Method Statement Review Checklist is to be followed and used upon initial development of the SWMS to help ensure that all steps have been adequately taken before work commences. Think of this document as an internal audit review checklist before commencing work, and may form part of a Toolbox Talk (safety meeting) and may be used as an opportunity for education and training.

ITEMS WHICH MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE SWMS	COMPLETED	TO BE DONE	COMMENTS
The company details have been entered, including the project name and address.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Names and signatures of all relevant personnel consulted during the development of the SWMS.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Name, signature, position and date signed of the person approving the SWMS.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Specific personnel and qualifications, experience is noted in the SWMS.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Provides a step-by-step process of tasks required to carry out the activity or task.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Adequate risk assessment of any identified hazards has been completed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Foreseeable hazards are identified and documented for each step.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Any hazards listed in any site risk assessments have been added to the SWMS.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
SWMS initial risk (IR) column as well as residual risk (RR) columns completed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Check control measures added to the SWMS are the most effective solutions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Responsible person is assigned and listed on the SWMS for the implementation of control measures.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Permit requirements specified, such as Hot Work, Electrical Work, Work at Heights etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
SWMS identifies plant and equipment to be used.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Details of inspection checks required for any equipment listed are noted on the SWMS.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Describes any mandatory qualifications, experience, training, skills required to perform the work.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Applicable personal protective equipment is selected on the SWMS.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Lists any required permits or licenses.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Reflects and documents any legislative references and/or Australian Standards.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Identifies any hazardous substances used with specific control measures in line with any SDS.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<b>SIGNATURE</b>		<b>DATE COMPLETED</b>	