

# PUBLIC SAFETY BRANCH

## Adventure Activity Injury Prevention Project

**Stakeholder Briefing**

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## Section 23. OHS Act 2004

### *Duties of employers to other persons.*

An employer must ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that persons other than employees of the employer are not exposed to risks to their health or safety arising from the conduct of undertakings of employers.

# WorkSafe Public Safety Branch

- Formed in February 2006 and charged with co-ordinating and managing WorkSafe's public safety framework.

- An important element of the branch's charter is:

*To develop and deliver strategic prevention projects that compliment the government's objectives for workplace and community safety, and for decreasing unintentional injury.*

- The Adventure Activity Injury Prevention Project fulfils the above objective and will evolve over a number of phases.

# Adventure Activity Injury Prevention Project

- Outdoor activity providers have a duty to the public under S23 of the OHS Act 2004
- At present, the extent to which outdoor activity providers are meeting their S23 duties and obligations is unknown
- This project will include 5 activities: horse trail riding, canoeing, river rafting, kayaking, caving
- In 06-07, the project will strategically target Licensed Tour Operators utilising Crown land, as well as providers operating on private land

# Adventure Activity Injury Prevention Project

## Process:

- Inspector appointments with activity provider
- Appropriate person identified
- Around 3 visits per provider
- Project tool will enable verification of current work systems and assessment of baseline compliance
- Educative process
- Feedback around state of compliance at project conclusion

# Stakeholder's role

- Communication with your Licensed Tour Operators about the project and associated roll out
- Act as a point of contact for enquiries about the project
- Act as a conduit between your organisation and our branch