

# DELAY

## If asked 'Why was there a delay in responding to the Boland Review?'

- WHS Ministers were to meet to discuss the WHS review recommendations in the first half of 2020. This was deferred when COVID-19 hit to allow Ministers and other stakeholders to focus on their response to the pandemic.
- <sup>former</sup> The Attorney-General wrote to Ministers to recommence the process in July 2020. Ministers agreed to the recommencement except for the NT Government, which advised that as it had entered caretaker, it was not in a position to agree. The ACT Government asked for consideration to be deferred from August due to its caretaker period.
- As a result, the Attorney-General wrote to WHS Ministers in October 2020 advising of a streamlined approach and seeking their positions on the review recommendations and the 10 alternative options proposed by the decision regulation impact statement (DRIS).
- Responses were due to the department by 4 December 2020, although a number were submitted after this date:
  - Australian Capital Territory – provided on 4 December 2020
  - New South Wales – provided on 4 December 2020
  - Northern Territory – provided on 22 December 2020
  - Tasmania – provided on 21 December 2020
  - Victoria – provided on 21 December 2020
  - Western Australia – provided on 22 December 2020
  - South Australia – provided on 11 December 2020
  - Queensland – 1 February 2021 (requested a formal extension)
  - ACTU – provided on 4 December 2020
  - ACCI – provided on 15 December 2020
  - Ai Group – provided on 30 November 2020
- The meeting of WHS Ministers was then scheduled for 15 April 2021 to account for the Western Australia government being in caretaker from 3 February. The announcement of the Tasmanian state election that was held on 1 May further delayed the meeting to 20 May 2021.