

Hi Carolyn and John

Thank you for the opportunity to meet and discuss the review of DCV legislation.

I just wanted to clarify my comments around USI and the white card,

We are very supportive of any base line training that increase safety in our industry and have been working with peak bodies and employers for many years to try and determine what it could be.

With my RTO hat on, USI's however may not be the vehicle for this purpose as there is several privacy issues around who can access this information and for what purpose and the database only reports on nationally accredited outcomes. The good news however is, if a person has completed a nationally accredited outcome (Unit of Competency/skillset/micro credential) then they would have been issued with a Statement of Attainment that they could use as evidence of completion.

One last thing if I may, my comments around the reduction in the regulated safety requirements for small vessels and risk is one that we have been trying to get across for years. Just based on the numbers any reduction in effective safety standards is likely in to significantly increase the number of small boat accidents as there is so many of them . It is very concerning that AMSA in its "risk base approach" has already removed one of its safety controls in the area, training, and is considering the removal of further vessel safety standards.

This makes us think that in the consultation process they are concentrating on the views of vessel owners trying to reduce cost and AMSA trying to get out of the regulatory nightmare of small boats, but they are not thinking of those who go to work on these vessels every day. SMT trains around 1000 individuals a years of which 95% of them are employed in the industry, hence we know from what they tell us that they do not have a voice in AMSA's consultation as they are not represented by a body or a union.

Anyway I guess what I am trying to get across is maybe AMSA needs to put on its big Safety hat for the sake of those who work in the industry and gently push back on those who invest in it and therefore expect a return from it.

Thanks again,

Kind regards,

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