

ICAC evaluation of practices, policies and procedures

SafeWork SA has welcomed the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption's evaluation of its regulatory practices, policies and procedures.

Last week, SafeWork SA referred new information to the Office for Public Integrity relating to the fatal accident involving the Airmaxx 360 ride at the 2014 Royal Adelaide Show.

As a result, the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption commenced an investigation into SafeWork SA's handling of the matter and the evidence that was obtained.

Today the Attorney-General's Department (AGD) Chief Executive Caroline Mealor and SafeWork SA Executive Director Martyn Campbell welcomed a separate and broader evaluation of AGD practices, policies and procedures within SafeWork SA's regulatory function.

Ms Caroline Mealor said the evaluation would help identify where improvement may be needed to prevent or minimise corruption, misconduct and maladministration.

"As a business unit of AGD, SafeWork SA has a critical role to play in effectively protecting the health and safety of South Australian workers," she said.

"This is an opportunity to help identify how we can improve the SafeWork SA's regulatory role and we will be working with the Commissioner throughout the evaluation process."

Mr Martyn Campbell said the evaluation would build upon the existing reform program within SafeWork SA to improve, and accelerate, its compliance, investigatory and prosecutorial functions.

"Since I started in this role, my priority has been to improve how we investigate and prosecute work health and safety breaches," he said.

"Significant reforms are already underway, and this evaluation will give us the opportunity to evaluate the progress that has been made to date and identify where more work needs to be done."