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VICTORIAN COST IMPACT SUPPORTS HIA POSITION ON OHS HARMONISATION

The much anticipated PWC report commissioned by the Victorian Government has been released today.

The report confirms the HIA's worst fears about the costs associated with the transition to the model laws which are estimated in Victoria to be \$812 million to transition and \$587 million a year in the first five years in ongoing costs to businesses. There is simply no evidence to suggest that the costs of compliance will not be similar in South Australia. Make no mistake, if these laws go through the cost of building a house in South Australia will significantly escalate.

These extraordinary costs will be borne by small and medium businesses and new home owners and renovators almost all of whom do not have cross border businesses and have no need for harmonised OHS laws.

The HIA has been vocal in its opposition of the proposed laws for many months as it will not deliver improvements on safety and will decimate small to medium business in South Australia.

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