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## **R2A PRACTICE UPDATE - JULY 2017**

Welcome to the new financial year and what is already shaping up to be a busy and interesting time in the risk and due diligence space.

As a final wrap up to the David Howarth event early this year, R2A is pleased to announce that a profit of nearly \$1,300 was donated to [Engineers Without Borders Australia](#).

Tim has been busy organising the next College of Leadership and Management event on the 27th July 2017, covering the topic of "The mobile office - working anywhere." Clive Domone, EY, and Daniel van Oosterwijck, Victrack, will be the guest speakers for the night. Both have great experience and insight to share. For further information about the event and registration [click here](#).

If you have a project you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to call us on [1300 777 333](tel:1300777333).

— Gaye Francis



## **OUR PRACTICE**

R2A is an independent firm of Consulting Engineers specialising in Due Diligence Engineering.

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[OPERATIONS DUE DILIGENCE](#)

[SAFETY DUE DILIGENCE](#)

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## **WORKSHOP DATES**

R2A is partnering with Engineering Education Australia to deliver a two day Due Diligence workshop.

**BRISBANE** 23-24 AUG

**WELLINGTON** 5-6 SEP

**MELBOURNE** 25-26 OCT

Workshop objectives and testimonials can be found [here](#)

## **R2A DUE DILIGENCE 10TH EDITION UPDATED TEXT**

The [10th Edition](#) is a text on the



## **GRENFELL TOWER FIRE - REGULATORS PUT COST BEFORE SAFETY**

A recent [New York Times article](#) presents a view as to what brought about the Grenfell Tower fire disaster. It's depressing reading as it is clear that the hazards associated with combustible cladding aluminium sheathed polyethylene and the like were a well-known fire hazard.

Read the full blog article [here](#).



## **ENGINEERING DUE DILIGENCE WORKSHOP**

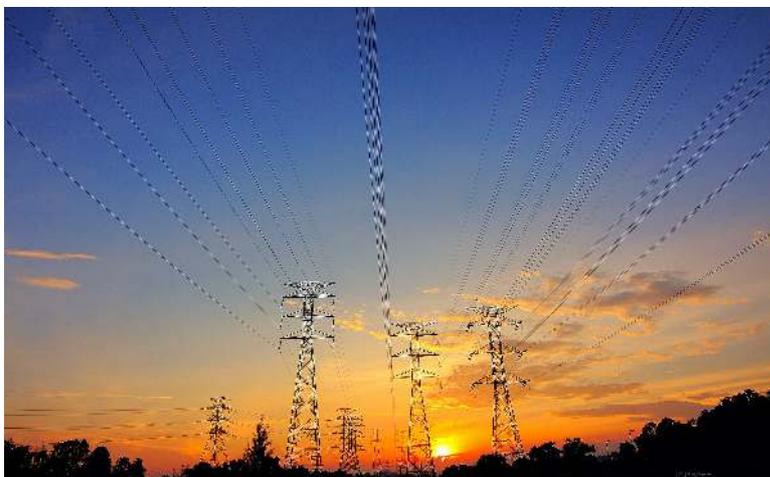
The learning method at the R2A-EEA public workshops follows a form of the Socratic "dialogue." Typical risk issues and the reasons for their manifestation are articulated and exemplar solutions presented for consideration. The resulting discussion is found to be the best part for participants as they consider how such approaches might be used in their own organisation or projects.

Read more about current risk issues of concern and exemplar solutions.

Remaining dates for 2017 are:

- Brisbane - 23 & 24 August
- Wellington - 5 & 6 September
- Melbourne - 25 & 26 October

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## **REVIEW OF VICTORIA'S ELECTRICITY AND GAS NETWORK SAFETY FRAMEWORK**

The Victorian Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change announced an expansion to the Review of Victoria's Electricity Network Safety Framework's terms of reference to include the gas network safety framework on the 5 May 2017.

A supplementary issues paper on the gas network safety framework was released on 11 May 2017 inviting stakeholders wishing to address issues specifically related to the gas transmission and distribution network safety framework.

R2A welcomed the opportunity to respond to the Supplementary Issues Paper which particularly considers gas safety. Our response focuses on the following particular aspects of the review:

- The objectives of the safety framework in Victoria and an assessment of its effectiveness in achieving safety outcomes.
- The extent to which the regulatory framework governing network safety ensures effective risk management by energy network businesses.

Read more [here](#).



## **ENGINEERING COMING INTO FOCUS**

[Doctor Iain McGilchrist](#) will soon be in Australia to present to the 2017 Annual Conferences of Judges of the Federal and Supreme Courts of Australia. Dr McGilchrist's most recent book, *The Master and His Emissary*, has been discussed in an [illustrated TED talk](#) and is also the subject of an [upcoming documentary](#).

In the book he explores the evolution, interactions, workings, and meanings of the human brain's left and right hemispheres. In particular he investigates and expands on the different roles the left and right

hemispheres play in our interaction with, perception of, and understanding of the world.

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