

# PUBLIC SECTOR WORKPLACE MENTAL HEALTH STRATEGIES CONFERENCE

**11th & 12th July 2023**

Canberra / Ngunnawal Country &  
Online

# PROACTIVELY MANAGING PSYCHOSOCIAL RISK FOR A MENTALLY HEALTHIER PUBLIC SECTOR

**2**

Days of informative presentations & networking opportunities, in-person or online

**22**

Inspiring & engaging speakers

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In-depth workshops to accompany the agenda, pre & post conference

## Who will attend?

Federal, state & local government agencies with responsibilities for & roles of:

- Work Health and Safety
- Human Resources
- People and Culture
- Health and Wellbeing
- Inclusion and Diversity
- Organisational Psychology
- Return to Work
- Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

# WHAT TO EXPECT

Be inspired by other organisations from across the public sector leading the way in their commitments to workplace mental health

Discover how the ACT public sector is adapting to hybrid working to optimise worker mental health and wellbeing

Hear from the directors of state regulatory bodies on the changing psychosocial risk legislation and evolving role of regulators

Hear how the World Health Organisation is prioritising worker mental health and gain insight into international policies and fundamental rights on workplace mental health

Be informed by a global law firm on the implementation of Respect@Work and your obligations under the Act to prevent workplace sexual harassment

# KEY BENEFITS

Assess psychosocial risk to inform mental health strategy

Improve the management of psychosocial risks & hazards

Engage with key regulatory perspectives to gain clarity on obligations under the new psychosocial risk legislation

Implement work redesign, flexible & hybrid working strategies to reduce risk

## National Regulatory Panel

Jim Kelly

Director Health and Safe Design  
SafeWork NSW

Narelle Beer

Executive Director  
WorkSafe Victoria

Yasmin Cox

Executive Director Specialised Health and Safety Services  
Office of Industrial Relations QLD

Robyn Pearce

Executive Director  
WorkSafe TAS

Jacqueline Agius

Work Health and Safety Commissioner  
WorkSafe ACT

## International Keynote: World Health Organisation

Susanna Harkonnen,  
Member

World Health Organisation Pan European Working  
Group on Workplace Mental Health

# OTHER KEY SPEAKERS

Dayna Fakwes

Assistant Director  
Research and  
Engagement  
Comcare

Rachael MchMahon

Principal Psychologist  
and Director, Mental  
Health & Suicide  
Prevention Unit  
Australian Public Service  
Commission (APSC)

Laura Sleeman

Executive Director and  
Psychologist Workplace  
Mental Health  
Australian Taxation  
Office

Michael Young

Executive Group  
Manager  
Work Safety Group,  
ACT Government

# WORKSHOPS



**Dr. Tessa Bailey**

Organisational Psychology  
Expert  
The Opus Centre for  
Psychosocial Risk

## Workshop A:

How to practically  
manage  
psychosocial risk in  
leadership and job  
design

**Monday 10th July**



**Anna Feringa**

Director  
Anna Feringa Consulting

## Workshop B:

How to prevent  
workplace  
harassment and  
manage risk

**Thursday 13th July**



# DISCOUNT AVAILABLE FOR MEMBERS

WayAhead members are able to access discounted registration to attend this conference (excluding workshops), to attend in person or online



# FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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