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National OH&S Review Secretariat  
Department of Education Employment and Workplace Relations  
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Dear Sir or Madam,

**National Review of Model OH&S Laws**

Reference is made to your request for comments in the National Review of Model OH&S Laws.

The CFMEU is very concerned about cardiac arrest in the work place particularly in the building and construction industry and we would like to see appropriate provisions in future legislation requiring employers to treat cardiac arrest as a foreseeable risk. Building workers work long hours in a physically arduous industry. More workers on site die from cardiac arrest than those who fall from a scaffold.

I also attach a motion moved at the NSW ALP State Conference, held on the 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> May this year in Sydney, in the Employment and Industrial Relations Report.

Yours faithfully

ANDREW FERGUSON  
State Secretary.

**Attachment**

**Motion Moved at ALP State Conference – Employment and Industrial Relations Report**

**Amendment 9**

Moved: Mal Tulloch (CFMEU)  
Seconded: Mark Lennon (Industry and Infrastructure Committee)

Over 30,000 Australians die of cardiac arrest each year. Many of these deaths are preventable by early defibrillation. Currently, people trained in CPR are not adequately equipped to be given a reasonable chance to save the lives of a cardiac arrest victim.

Conference calls on the NSW Government to amend occupational health and safety legislation to workplace with over 100 personnel to be equipped with a defibrillator system. Such a system should be connected to a control room and remotely tested on a regular basis to ensure reliability in the event of cardiac arrest.

**ACCEPTED**