



Health and Safety Trust invites 'Expressions of Interest' for research and innovation in coal mining

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Workplace health and safety is an on-going concern for the coal mining industry. With ever-changing technology, work practices, health trends and environmental concerns, research and development continues to play an integral role in keeping our workers safe and healthy.

The Health & Safety Trust supports the Australian coal mining industry by funding projects and research that will have a positive effect on the health and safety of coal mine workers, operators and the wider mining community.

The Trust is now inviting 'expressions of interest' for grants to fund initiatives designed to improve the health and wellbeing of coal mine workers. Researchers, mine owners/operators, industry workers and suppliers are encouraged to apply.

Priority areas for the Trust are:

- Mental health
- Diesel particulates
- Musculoskeletal disorders
- Vibration
- Noise
- Fatigue
- High pressure oil injection injuries
- RSI prevention, treatment and management
- Dust
- Human and Organisational Factors

Recently completed projects funded by the Trust include:

- Partners in Mining – supporting depression in mining
- Evaluating virtual reality training on rescue brigades competency
- Assessing whole-body vibration
- Periodic musculoskeletal screen to identify risk trends
- Respiratory protection (are our standards protecting worker health or providing a false sense of security?)
- Zero harm positive safety culture by applying mindfulness based high-performance, thinking strategies

Current projects in progress:

- Improving footwear for underground miners
- Development of an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) – Mines Rescue
- Establishing a bone fide physical assessment and performance standard for Mines Rescue personnel in NSW
- Diesel-free environment for underground coal mines
- Managing whole-body vibration associated with underground coal mining
- Mates in Mining
- Task rotation in an underground coal mines
- Identifying high risk of RCS exposure in Open Cut Mines

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Please visit www.hstrust.com.au for further information or to download an 'expression of interest' form.

Expressions of interest close on **Wednesday 12 April 2017**.
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About the Health & Safety Trust:

The Health & Safety Trust (the Trust) was formed in 1991 to fund research into health and safety in Australian coal mines. It operates by a deed, and decisions are made by the Trustees. The Trust is managed by Coal Services but the two are separate legal entities.

Since the Trust's inception, research has been targeted around specific priority areas. These priority areas have been based on relevant statistical information on accident and injury trends within the coal industry and also on areas where minimal research currently exists.