

Inquest into the death of Daniel Paul Morris

Mr Morris died from electrocution on 16 March 2011 while at work. Mr Morris was sitting on mesh on the hopper he was repairing with a welder. As he changed the welding rod he completed the electrical circuit and received a fatal electric shock.

Coroner Jane Bentley delivered her findings of inquest on 15 August 2013.

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Recommendation 2

I recommend that Workplace Health and Safety amend the fact sheets published on its website to reflect the recommendation that hazard reduction devices be fitted to all manual metal-arc welding machines which are used in humid conditions and/or category B or C environments.

Response and action: the recommendation is implemented.

Responsible agency: Queensland Treasury.

The *Welding Processes Code of Practice 2013* commenced on 1 December 2013 and is published on the Queensland Government [website](#). The code refers to the use of hazard reducing devices and the applicable Australian standard.

The updated fact sheets refer to the code of practice and to the fitting of hazard reduction devices as required.

Recommendation 3

Considering that this inquest has heard new evidence in relation to Ms Maguire's role as site manager and Mr Drayton's role in supervising Mr Morris which was not taken into account when Workplace Health and Safety officers decided not to commence any prosecutions, I recommend that Workplace Health and Safety now re-open the investigation into whether Ridley Agriproducts Pty Ltd should be prosecuted under the Work Health and Safety Act.

Response and action: the recommendation is implemented.

Responsible agency: Queensland Treasury.

Workplace Health and Safety Queensland re-opened the investigation and reviewed all material heard at the inquest. At the conclusion of this review it was determined that insufficient grounds had been found on which to consider prosecution and therefore no prosecution action will be commenced.