

IMPLEMENTING THE HEALTH AND SAFETY AT WORK ACT 2015:  
Better Regulation - Plant, Structures and Working at Heights

# AGRICULTURE



DO YOU WORK IN OR RUN A  
BUSINESS IN AGRICULTURE –  
ON OR OFF THE FARM?



ARE YOU A CONTRACTOR,  
SUBCONTRACTOR OR SPECIALIST  
THAT PROVIDES SERVICES TO THE  
AGRICULTURE SECTOR?



DO YOU REPRESENT OR  
ADVOCATE FOR ANY OF  
THESE PEOPLE?

**If you are involved in agricultural work, either directly or through others, this consultation will be relevant to you.**

*We want your views on how best to manage risks at work.*

MBIE is looking at how risks involving plant, structures and heights are managed at work.

**Plant** includes any vehicle, machinery, equipment, tool, vessel and/or aircraft etc. Examples in agriculture include tractors, harvesters, quad bikes, and milking and irrigation equipment.

**Structures** include anything that is constructed, whether fixed or moveable, temporary or permanent. Examples in agriculture include wool sheds, grain silos, and milking sheds.

**The old regulations are out of date, piecemeal and prescriptive. For example, requirements for roll-over protection and seat belts in mobile plant are prescriptive with a lot of exemptions.**

**We want the regulations to be effective, proportionate, clear and cost-effective to ensure workers are protected from harm and businesses know how to do this well.**



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## Plant and Structures can cause significant harm

Plant and structures are everywhere, in all sectors and used for many different purposes at work. Plant and structures are involved in 76% of work-related fatalities.

Plant, structures and mobile plant are some of the key risks in agricultural work.

### 2008–2017

# 84%

OF DEATHS IN **AGRICULTURE**  
involved plant or structures

# 73%

OF DEATHS IN **AGRICULTURE** involved mobile plant

**TRACTORS** were involved in **23%** of deaths  
in agriculture

**QUAD BIKES** were involved in **30%** of deaths  
in agriculture

### Tell us what you think

Want to be a part of the discussions that could affect you?

We need your feedback on the effects of the proposals on your business, work or workplace to make sure we achieve practical, effective and better options for change.

To make a submission visit  
[www.surveymonkey.com/r/MBIE-plant-and-structures](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MBIE-plant-and-structures)

To find out more – visit our website at:  
[www.mbie.govt.nz/plant-and-structures](http://www.mbie.govt.nz/plant-and-structures)

### IDEAS WE'RE THINKING ABOUT



#### How do we protect people working with plant?

We want to talk to you about how to strengthen risk management in your work with plant (e.g. milking machines, irrigation equipment) including:

**Guarding and safety features** - ensuring these are used properly

**Cleaning and maintenance** - what kinds of controls do we need to protect the person cleaning or maintaining plant?

**Plant lifecycle** - should there be rules to make sure alterations to plant do not increase risks to health and safety? How do we ensure plant is safe throughout its lifecycle, from commissioning to decommissioning?

Find out more in the [plant factsheet](#).



#### How do we protect people working with mobile plant?

There are options for businesses to better manage risks around mobile plant (e.g. vehicles, agricultural harvesters, quad bikes and tractors) and ensure protections for operators and passengers.

How do we ensure risks of collision and roll-over are managed?

Find out more in the [mobile plant factsheet](#).