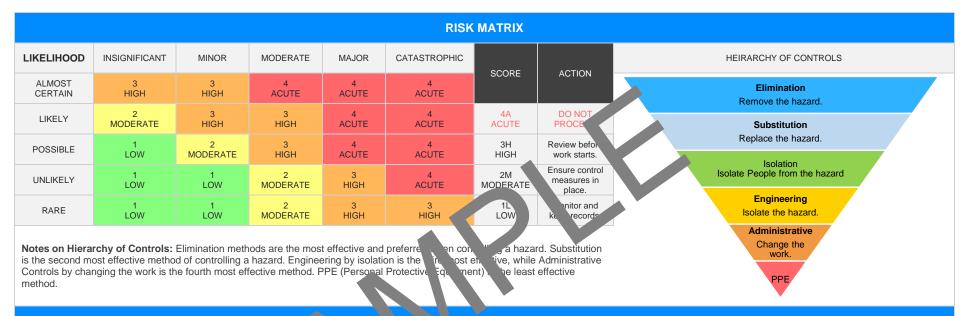


Laying of Pipes and Cul	verts   SAFE WORK METHO	DD STATEMENT (SWMS)	
TASK O	R ACTIVITY: Laying of Pipes and	Culverts	
Business Name: [Company Name]		ABN: [ABN]	SWMS#
Business Address: [Company Address]			
Contact Person:	Phone: [Phone]	E fil:	
THIS SAFE WORK METHOD	STATEMENT IS APPROVED BY 1	THE PL OF THE PROJECT	
Under the Work Health and Safety Regulation (WHS Regulation), a person conduct the proposed work starts.	eting a business or undertaking (F RU) is	required to ure at a safe work method s	tatement (SWMS) is prepared before
Full Name:			
Signature:		Title:	Date:
Details of the person(s) responsible for ensuring implementation, monitoring a	ompliance of the SWMS well as review	s and modifications of the SWMS.	
Full Name:		Title:	Phone:
ALL PERSONNEL PARTICIPATING IN ANY ACTIVITY ON THIS WMS. ST HAVE THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATED	N. 1E AND DATED SIGNATURE OF A CO. MUNICATED TO IN THE DEVELO	LL RELEVANT PERSONNEL WHO HAVE BI PMENT AND APPROVAL OF THIS SWMS	EEN CONSULTED AND
Safety meetings or toolbox talks will be sched ed in accordance with egislative requirements to first identify any site hazards, conditions those hazards and then to further take steps to either the conditions of the conditions are or conditional talks.	NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
If an incident or a near miss occurs, all work must standardly. Depending on the severity of the incident, a meeting will be called with all workers to amend the SWMS if required. The meeting may also be an educational opportunity.			
Any changes made to the SWMS after an incident or a near miss must be approved by the Person Conducting Business or Undertaking and communicated to all relevant personnel.			
The SWMS must be kept and be available for inspection at least until the work is completed. Where a SWMS is revised, all versions should be kept. If a notifiable incident occurs in relation to which the SWMS relates, then the SWMS must be kept for at least two years from the occurrence of the notifiable incident.			



	CLIENT OR PRINCIPAL CONTRACTOR DETAILS										
Client:						SCOPE OF WORKS					
Project Name:					Provide a detailed description of the specific work being carried out (otherwise						
Project Address:					known as cope of works).						
Project Manager:											
Contact Phone:											
Project Manager Sig	nature:										
Date SWMS supplie	d to Project Manager:										
		ANY HIGH-	RISK CON PUCT	N' JRK BEING	CARRIED OUT						
☐ involves a risk of a pe	erson falling more than 2 m	neters.		is carried out on or near pressurised gas mains or piping.							
is carried out on a tel	ecommunication tower.		$H \cap H$	is carried out on	or near chemical, fuel or refrig	erant lines.					
☐ involves demolition o	f an element of a structure	that is load-be n.		is carried out on or near energised electrical installations or services.							
☐ involves demolition o	f an element related to the	physical integrit of a str	3.	is carried out in an area that may have a contaminated or flammable atmosphere.							
☐ involves, or is likely to	o involve, disturbing a	tos.		involves tilt-up or precast concrete.							
involves structural alt	eration or repair that re	upp to p	prevent collapse.	is carried out on, in or adjacent to a road, railway, shipping lane or other traffic corridor.							
is carried out in or ne	ar a confined space.			is carried out in an area of a workplace where there is any movement of powered mobile plant.							
is carried out in/near	a shaft or trench deeper th	nan 1.5m or tunnel involvin	g use of explosives.	is carried out in a	areas with artificial extremes of	temperature.					
is carried out in or ne	ar water or other liquid tha	t involves a risk of drowning	ng.	☐ involves diving w	vork.						
		ANY HI	IGH-RISK MACHINER	RY OR EQUIPMEN	IT NEARBY						
Forklift	☐ Crane/s	☐ Hoist/s	☐ Excavator	☐ Backhoe/Loader	☐ Boom Lift	☐ EWP	☐ Genie Lift				
☐ Trencher	☐ Trencher ☐ Drilling Rig ☐ Trucks ☐ Formwork				☐ Flammable Gas	☐ Fuel	☐ Dozer				
☐ High Voltage	☐ Mulcher	☐ Tilt-up Panels	Roller	☐ Scissor Lift	☐ Tractor	Other -					





### PERL NAL TECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

FOOT PROTECTION	HAND PROTECTION	HEAD PROTECTION	HEARING PPOTECTION	PROTE	SPIRATORY P STECTION	FACE PROTECTION	HIGH-VIS CLOTHING	PROTECTIVE CLOTHING	FALL PROTECTION	SUN PROTECTION	HAIR/JEWELLERY SECURED
			A								

Select me appropriate PPE above suitable for the equipment used or the job task being performed (if applicable).

**Note:** A SWMS must be reviewed regularly to make sure it remains effective. A SWMS must be reviewed (and revised if necessary) if relevant control measures are revised. The review process should be carried out in consultation with workers (including contractors and subcontractors) who may be affected by the operation of the SWMS and their health and safety representatives who represented that work group at the workplace.

When a SWMS has been revised, the person conducting a business or undertaking must ensure all:

- 1. persons involved in the work are advised that a revision has been made and how they can access the revised SWMS;
- 2. persons who will need to change a work procedure or system as a result of the review are advised of the changes in a way that will enable them to implement their duties consistently with the revised SWMS: and.
- 3. workers that will be involved in the work are provided with the relevant information and instruction that will assist them to understand and implement the revised SWMS.



JOB STEP	POTENTIAL HAZARDS	IR	CONTROL MEASURES	RR	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
SPECIFIC WORK STEPS	HAZARDS THAT MAY ARISE	INITIAL RISK	SPECIFIC MEASURES TO BE PUT IN PLACE TO ELIMINATE OR CONTROL THE RISKS	RESIDUAL RISK	NAME OF PERSON
1. Preparation	Slips, trips and falls, Inadequate PPE	3H	Conduct a thorough risk assessment before starting the job to identify potential hazards and implement necessary controls.  Ensure that all workers are adequately traine and competent in their tasks, including handling relevant machinery and a cedures.  Implement a site-specific induction for all proposed in the project to address site conditions and any unique risks.  Clearly mark out and keep and areas clean, organised, and see of obstructions to minimise the risk of slips, trips and falls.  Require all personance sar as appriate personal protective equipment (PPE) such as steel-trained potential azards.  Research by inspirated annatin all equament, tools, and machinery to ensure they are in a sliverist and caintain all equament, tools, and machinery to ensure they are in a sliverist and caintain all equament, tools, and machinery to ensure they are in a sliverist and caintain all equament, tools, and machinery to ensure they are in a sliverist and caintain all equament, tools, and machinery to ensure they are in a sliverist and caintain all equament, tools, and machinery to ensure they are in a sliverist and caintain all equament, tools, and barriers.  Design test signate walkways and restrict access to specific areas where required lean parking these areas using signage and barriers.  Judical adequate break times for workers and encourage hydration and rest, particulated by the same areas using signage and barriers.  Store and dispose of materials safely and correctly, using designated waste disposal containers and storage areas, keeping them neat and well-maintained.  Develop an Emergency Response Plan (ERP) for potential incidents and accidents, ensuring all workers are aware of the plan and know how to act accordingly in case of emergencies.  Encourage open communication and reporting of any hazards or near misses, fostering a positive safety culture on the worksite.  Implement regular safety briefings and toolbox talks to remind workers of safe work practices, reinforcing the importance of adhering to	1L	
2. Site Inspection	Falling objects, Uneven ground	2M	- Conduct a pre-start inspection of the site to identify and address any potential hazards, such as uneven ground, overhead obstacles, or other issues that may cause falling objects.	1L	



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			- Ensure all workers are wearing appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), including hard hats, steel-toed boots, and high-visibility clothing to minimise the risk of injury from falling objects and trips on uneven ground.		
			- Set up exclusion zones around areas where two y machinery is operating to prevent unauthorised access and reduce the lask of falling object injuries.		
			- Use barriers and signage as necessary to corrly me mazardous areas, such as uneven ground or locations prone to falling objection under the course of the		
			- Implement clear communication protocols for work and cutting heavy machinery, cranes, or other equipment tension age that they are away of any potential hazards before starting work in the sea.		
			- Regularly in after weather condition and ast work schedules if required, especially when realing a potential precised risks of falling objects due to wind a divergence of the condition of the		
			- Keet he orksite can and free from debris, which can contribute to uneven surface and ocreas the risk of tripping or accidents involving falling objects.		
			Utilise mpo v ramps, matting, or compacted fill materials to create more even and serious faces are necessary, improving stability and reducing the risk of trips and the serious faces are necessary.		
			feasible, schedule work during daylight hours and provide adequate lighting for a time operations to ensure workers can clearly see any potential hazards in their pair.		
			- Carry out regular toolbox talks with workers, reinforcing the importance of maintaining a safe working environment, reporting hazards, and adhering to control measures in place.		
			- Employ spotters to watch for and alert workers of any potential hazards or unsafe conditions, such as falling objects or changes in uneven ground surfaces.		
			- Inspect and maintain all tools, equipment, and vehicles used in the laying of pipes and culverts, ensuring they're in good working order and not contributing to hazards.		
			- Review and update the Safe Work Method Statement (SWMS) on an ongoing basis to ensure all identified hazards are effectively controlled, and new risks are addressed as they arise.		
			- Conduct pre-start checks on the excavator to ensure it is in safe working condition and all safety features, such as alarms and cameras, are fully operational.		
3. Excavation	Excavator contact, Service strikes	4A	- Ensure operators are properly trained and competent in using the excavator for pipe laying and culvert installation tasks.	2M	
			- Employ a spotter to be present during excavation operations, helping the excavator operator maintain clear visibility of the work area and any potential hazards.		



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			- Maintain clear communication between the excavator operator, spotter, and other ground staff through two-way radios or standard hand signals.		
			- Implement buffer zones around the excavation size restrict unauthorised personnel from entering the working zone.		
			- Mark out the locations of existing underging and services using paint or flags, and verify their positions with service locators or an update and Before You Dig" information.		
			- Utilise a digging plan that it redes details of the ruired explation dimensions, layout of pipes or culverts, and pressary precautic for oiding underground services.		
			- Utilise soft disconniques such a secuum extration or hand digging, when working in cit is proximity sundergisted as sees.		
			- Est ch a produce nandling emogency situations involving service strikes, such putting the machine, evacuating the area, and contacting the relevant author est		
		- Monite we are concons and adjust excavation techniques as appropriate to mitigate te rise of cave and or instability in the trench walls.			
			- Puide ppropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for workers involved in excave activities, including helmets, eye protection, high-visibility vests, and gel-toeccoots.		
			- Laure proper backfilling and compaction procedures are followed after pipe laying and culvert installation to minimise the risk of future settlement or movement.		
			Regularly review and update Safe Work Method Statements (SWMS) to address changes in the work environment, equipment, or personnel involved in the excavation process for laying pipes and installing culverts.		
4. Pipe Delivery	Manual handling injuries, Vehicle collision	3H		1L	

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5. Laying Culverts	Water ingress, Trench collapse	4A		2M	



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6. Connecting Pipes	Confined space hazards, Hand injuries	ЗН		1L	



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7. Backfilling	Trench collapse, Plant/vehicle interaction	3H		2M	



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8. Compaction	Ground vibration, Excess noise	2M		1L	



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9. Ground Leveling	Hand-arm vibration warome, Manual handling injuries	зн		1L	



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10. Reinstatement	Traffic dangers, Soil compaction hazards	2M		1L	



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11. Pressure Testing	Uncontrolled release of pressure, Hose whip	ЗН		1L	



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12. Final Inspection	Visibility issues, Confined spaces	2M		1L	



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#### **EMERGENCY RESPONSE – CALL 000 FOR EMERGENCIES**

Ensure to have an Emergency Management Plan in place as well as adequate numbers of trained first aid staff with easy access to fully stocked first aid kits, rescue equipment, material safety data sheets, adequate access to emergency communication equipment and fire-fighting equipment suitable for all classes of fire and ignition sources.

#### LEGISLATIVE REFERENCES

RELEVANT LEGISLATION AND CODES OF PRACTICE. DELETE THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCES. ANY STATE OF AT ARE NOT APPLICABLE.

#### **Queensland & Australian Capital Territory**

Work Health and Safety Act 2011

Work Health and Safety Regulations 2011

Legislation QLD: https://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/work-health-and-safety-laws

Codes of Practice QLD: <a href="https://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-practice">https://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-practice</a> Legislation ACT: <a href="https://www.worksafe.act.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/acts-and-regulations">https://www.worksafe.act.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/acts-and-regulations</a>

Codes of Practice ACT: https://www.worksafe.act.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-practice

#### **New South Wales**

Work Health and Safety Act 2011

Work Health and Safety Regulations 2017

Legislation NSW: https://www.safework.nsw.gov.au/legal-obligations/legislati

Codes of Practice NSW: https://www.safework.nsw.gov.au/resource-library/lis > odes-or racti

#### **Northern Territory**

Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Act 2011

Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Regulation 201

Legislation NT: https://worksafe.nt.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/wo\_place-syllaws

Codes of Practice NT: https://worksafe.nt.gov.au/f

#### South Australia

Work Health and Safety Act 2012 (SA)

Work Health and Safety Regulations 2012 (SA)

Legislation for SA: https://www.safework.sa.gov.au/resources/legislation

Codes of Practice for SA: https://www.safework.sa.gov.au/work\_aces/codes-of-practice#COPs

#### Tasmania

Work Health and Safety Act 2012

Work Health and Safety (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Act 2012

Work Health and Safety Regulations 2012

Work Health and Safety (Transitional) Regulations 2012

Legislation for TAS: https://worksafe.tas.gov.au/topics/laws-and-compliance/acts-and-regulations

Codes of Practice for TAS: https://worksafe.tas.gov.au/topics/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-practice

Details of permits, licenses or access required by regulatory bodies (add or delete as required):

- Permits from local council
- Authorisation to commence work
- Any required documents.

#### Victoria

Occupational Health al. Safety Act

Occupational Health and affety gulations 2017

Legis on VIC: https://www.xsafe.vic.gov.au/occupational-health-and-safety-act-and-

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#### Western Australia

Work Health and Safety Act 2020

Work Health and Safety Regulations 2022

Legislation Western Australia: <a href="https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/worksafe/legislation">https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/worksafe/legislation</a>

Codes of Practice WA: https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/worksafe/codes-practice

#### Safe Work Australia Links

Law and Regulation (All States): https://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/law-and-regulation Model Codes of Practice: https://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/resources-publications/model-codes-of-practice

#### **Model Codes of Practice**

- Managing noise and preventing hearing loss at work
- Confined spaces
- Labelling of workplace hazardous chemicals
- Managing risks of hazardous chemicals in the workplace
- Welding processes
- First aid in the workplace
- Managing the risk of falls at workplaces
- Hazardous manual tasks
- Managing the risk of falls in housing construction
- Managing electrical risks in the workplace
- Demolition work
- Excavation work
- Work health and safety consultation, cooperation and coordination
- Managing the work environment and facilities
- How to manage work health and safety risks
- Managing risks of plant in the workplace
- Construction work



#### SIGNATORIES OF THE SAFE WORK METHOD STATEMENT

The signed and dated personnel listed below have cooperated in the consultation and development of this Safe Work Method Statement which has been approved by the Person/s Conducting a Business or Undertaking (PCBU). In signing this Safe Work Method Statement each individual acknowledges and confirms that they have read this SWMS in full, having raised any questions for items on this Safe Work Method Statement that require clarification, and confirms that they are competent, skilled and knowledgeable for the task assigned to them. Every person acknowledges that they have received the relevant training and qualifications where required, before carrying out any work contained in this Safe Work Method Statement. By signing this Safe Work Method Statement each individual agrees to work safely, to follow any safe work instructions which are provided, and agrees to use all Personal Protective Equipment where appropriate.

Worker Name	Pos	sition	Signature	Date	Time	Supe	ervisor
				Date:			
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The SWMS must be reviewer revised if necessary) if releval consultation with workers (inc of the SWMS and their health workplace.  When the SWMS has been readvised that a revision has be who will need to change a wo a way that will enable them to will be involved in the work methem to understand and imple	nt control measu- luding contractors and sub- and safety representatives evised the PCBU must ensi- even made and how they cal rk procedure or system as implement their duties cor ust be provided with the rel	contract s) who may be a s who re esented that wor are that all persons involve a access the revised SWM a result of the revised SWM as isstently with the revised SWM.	should be carried out in ffected by the operation rk group at the  d with the work are S, including all persons advised of the changes in SWMS. All workers that	effective in reducing the person responsible for memploy a multi-faceted a  1. Spot Checks. 2. Consultation v. 3. Internal audits  An approach of continuo followed up by immediate	nitored regularly for the exist of incidents, keeping the onitoring the effectiveness peroach which includes but with workers, contractors at on a continual basis.  The improvement, promptly be corrective action and contently developing ever-improvement.	ne workplace safe for all of the Safe Work Method is not limited to:  and sub-contractors.  recording inconsistencies sultation with all relevan	personnel. The od Statement should statement should so or deficiencies, at personnel ensures
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NAME							
INITIALS							
DATE							



### SAFE WORK METHOD STATEMENT REVIEW CHECKLIST

This Safe Work Method Statement Review Checklist is to be followed and used upon initial development of the SWMS to help ensure that all steps have been adequately taken before work commences. Think of this document as an internal audit review checklist before commencing work, and may form part of a Toolbox Talk (safety meeting) and may be used as an opportunity for education and training.

ITEMS WHICH MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE SWMS	COMPLETED	TO BE DONE	COMMENTS
The company details have been entered, including the project name and address.			
Names and signatures of all relevant personnel consulted during the development of the SWMS.		P P	
Name, signature, position and date signed of the person approving the SWMS.			
Specific personnel and qualifications, experience is noted in the SWMS.	P		
Provides a step-by-step process of tasks required to carry out the activity or task.			
Adequate risk assessment of any identified hazards has been completed.			
Foreseeable hazards are identified and documented for each step.			
Any hazards listed in any site risk assessments have been added to the SWh			
SWMS initial risk (IR) column as well as residual risk (RR) columns completed.			
Check control measures added to the SWMS are the most effecting so tions.			
Responsible person is assigned and listed on the SWMS for the imperent of continue assures.			
Permit requirements specified, such as Hot Work, Veralt Heights etc.			
SWMS identifies plant and equipment to be u d.			
Details of inspection checks required for any equipment listed are noted on the SWMS.			
Describes any mandatory qualifications, experience raining skills required to perform the work.			
Applicable personal protective equipment is selected on the SWMS.			
Lists any required permits or licenses.			
Reflects and documents any legislative references and/or Australian Standards.			
dentifies any hazardous substances used with specific control measures in line with any SDS.			
REVIEWED BY	DATE R	EVIEWED	
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