



Social policy submissions ignored



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Despite submissions from SDGCI and other industry representatives, the GCCC pushed forward with the introduction of its new Social and Health Impact Assessment policy, which commenced on 10 January, 2011. The submissions were generally ignored and the policy established without significant change to the draft.

The policy applies to impact assessable applications only for a range of land uses and project sizes. Projects that are triggered by the policy require a Social and Health Impact Assessment Report prepared by a suitably qualified professional. We can now only react to issues which are likely to arise from this ill- conceived policy. SDGCI will continue to push for better outcomes should this policy become a problem for our industry.