

# DWF Risk engaged by international construction contractor to assist with WHS improvements at a major Brisbane development



## Background

The construction contractor was established in Australia in 1962, and has since delivered more than 1,000 projects across the globe. They recently commenced work on a \$3.6 billion Integrated Resort Development in Brisbane, and approached Darren Sharry from DWF Risk to provide independent WHS observations in relation to cranes and lifting operations, and materials movement.

## The situation

DWF Risk was engaged by the contractor to conduct independent safety observations on the project, in order to better understand the WHS culture and practice relative to lifting operations and materials movement.

The contractor had previously tried more traditional incident responses (e.g. investigations, toolbox talks, rule changes), however these did not appear to reduce incidents, or tensions on site. The contractor's ultimate goal was to have a new set of impartial and experienced eyes conduct a series of observations and informal interviews (with anonymity guaranteed) and provide feedback on underlying factors that influence the work practice and safety performance.



## How we helped

DWF Risk conducted several site visits at the project site, and observed the operations and work being carried out.

Darren talked to over 65 project workers, including senior leadership, the project safety team, the project safety committee, crane crews, HSRs and labourers, as well as a number of subcontractor workers.

The findings and recommendations were then presented to the contractor's project leadership team.

**If you would like to engage an independent WHS consultant to assist with WHS consultation and culture at your business or project, please contact us below.**

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