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Subject: RE: 815-J019 Centenary Bridge Upgrade
Attachments: Notes of Union Interaction_14-05-2024.docx

Good Afternoon,
Please find the attached document which outlines events on this day.

Regards,



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Centenary Bridge Upgrade Project

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Good Afternoon,
Please find the attached notices issued by CFMEU organisers today.

I will write a briefing of events tomorrow and send through.

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Centenary Bridge Upgrade Project

Please see below Union Site Entry Report from the GBJV Centenary Bridge Upgrade Project:

Date of Entry - 14/05/2024

Arrival Time - 10:30hrs

Departure Time - 16:15hrs

Project - Centenary Bridge Upgrade

Work areas reviewed during inspection - Southern side of the project.

Video / photo evidence taken - Video footage was taken via body cams and phones.

Industrial Association - CFMEU

Union Official(s) - Dean Mattas / Hayden Turner Davey / Matthew Vonhoff / Ben Cox / Dylan Howard, Cody Budgen, Hoani Edwards, Dean Reily, Jamie Porter, Eben Cox along with approximately 4 other union organisers (names unknown). In addition, there were approximately 40 union delegates which positioned themselves at Gate 1.

GBJV Personnel - Ben Weston, Gary Grant, Gareth Davie along with others.

Subcontractor Personnel - Meals Concrete Pumps

Authorising Act - Work Health and Safety Act 2011 ("WHS Act")

Act Provisions - s117 - Entry to inquire into suspected safety contraventions

Entry Authorisation - Permitted

If entry refused, reason for refusal - Union organisers refused to sign-on to the daily pre-start following a briefing of the days works.

WHSQ Inspector Attendance - Jason Argent and Ravi Gunaratnam

WHSQ Enforcement Notice(s) issued - WHSQ inspectors issued a notice relating to inadequate edge protection.

Briefing of events - Union Organisers (UO) Mr Porter and Mr Turner attended the site office (213 Sinnamon Rd) at 10:30hrs and were met by GBJV personnel. The two UO presented their permits and provided s117 entry notice to GBJV personnel, although refused to sign in as a visitor. The UO were instructed that they needed to sign in / complete visitor induction before the issues raised on the notice of entry (NOE) would be addressed.

Following a 10-minute conversation on the topic of signing in, which the UO continued to refuse, they then walked down the active transport path (ATP) to the gate entrance which leads down to Abutment A. The UO were aware prior to arriving on site that there was a concrete pour occurring at pier 1 Abutment A which requires concrete trucks to cross the ATP. For this reason the two UO's positioned themselves so that the concrete trucks could not cross the path, in an attempt to stop the pour.

At approximately 11:45hrs the first concrete truck arrived at site, GBJV personnel directed the UO's to move from the exclusion zone which they refused. LC's then formed a human shield and forced the two UO's out of the exclusion zone, allowing the concrete trucks to enter the work zone. At approximately 12:15hrs an additional 5-7 UO's arrived and attempted to block trucks as the first two UO's. The LC's continued removing UO's from the exclusion zone which allowed the first 9 concrete trucks down to pier 1.

At approximately 13:30hrs, 30-40 union delegates (Youth Group) arrived at Gate 1 and formed a blockade to stop the remaining 8 concrete trucks from entering site.

Approximately 14:00hrs, Queensland Police Service (QPS) was called by GBJV personnel to attend site move the union members from the front gate. Once QPS arrived, they spoke with GBJV personnel and UO's. QPS were in agreement that the 30-40 union delegates were unlawful in their actions of blocking the gate, although after consultation with QPS command centre the officers onsite were instructed not to remove/arrest due to the lack of additional officers available to attend.

WHSQ was called by the UO's to attend site to address their safety concerns due to GBJV personnel not allowing the UO's access to work areas as they would not follow the project specific sign-on procedure. WHSQ inspectors arrived at 15:00hrs and attended pier 1 (Abutment A) to review the alleged safety contravention in relation to the Meals concrete pump and the pad which it was set up on. WHSQ completed the inspection and found there to be no areas of concern. Evidence provided to establish compliance included the pad certification, inspection records of the Meals pump with a focus on the pump's steel pipe density testing records.

After closing out the areas of concern listed on the s117 entry notice, the WHSQ inspectors were being escorted out of the work area and back onto the ATP. On reaching the ATP, the inspectors were meet by 5-6 UO's who commenced pointing out safety concerns relating to edge protection which ran along the ATP. Due to the type of fencing used (ATF fencing) and the proximity to a live edge (within 2m) an improvement notice was issued. At 16:15hrs WHSQ inspectors along with all CFMEU members and organisers left the site.