

Moving towards ISO45001

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The document series 'Moving towards ISO45001' has been established by Karza Pty Ltd to assist our internal consultants in considering potential change when developing clients' long-term integrated management system plans.

Following the publication of the Draft International Standard (DIS) of ISO 45001 *Occupational health and safety management systems – Requirements* in February 2016, the ISO/PC283 Project Committee held a meeting between the 6th and 10th of June in Toronto, Canada to seek uniform agreement on how best to move forward with the development of the OH&S standard. The first DIS of the standard had clearly failed to be approved by the committee following a round of balloting from 12th February to the 12th May (the results: 71% in favour to 29% against). Around 3000 significant comments raised during the ballot were further discussed in the recent meeting. During the meeting the committee appears to have determined the development of ISO 45001 should now best progress with a second Draft International Standard and then (if accepted) the final draft publication (FDIS) will possibly be ready for release around early 2017.

The development of the standard appears to now be well beyond the original project timeframe. Initially, at the commencement of the project, PC 283 considered the merits of following the ISO's accelerated two year delivery programme against the default three year schedule. At the time, to the disappointment of the broader international business community, the project committee agreed to follow the longer three year timeframe. At the time, it was planned for the Final Draft International Standard (FDIS) to be published around March 2016 and the full standard to be published by October 2016. Now, the final standard is not expected until at least the second half of 2017.

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