# Health and Safety at Work Act six months in, what's changed?

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## So what has changed?

- It has clarified responsibilities throughout the supply chain from directors to the front line.
- It has highlighted the hierarchy of control.
- It has given Risk Management real focus (dealing with both static and dynamic risk).
- Formal requirement to co-ordinate, co-operate and consult with the PCBU's.
- · Reduced live work.

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## What has it meant for Northpower

- The biggest change has been to the application of risk management.
- Increased focus on eliminating risk.
- Clients are looking for a greater level of assurance of contractor systems and safety culture.

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#### For Networks

- Networks have always supported the need for safe work, but with the new law everyone has been taken a much harder look at what it means – they need to find ways to actively assure themselves it is a safe environment.
- The end result is that management is putting more thought into what creates a safe working environment.

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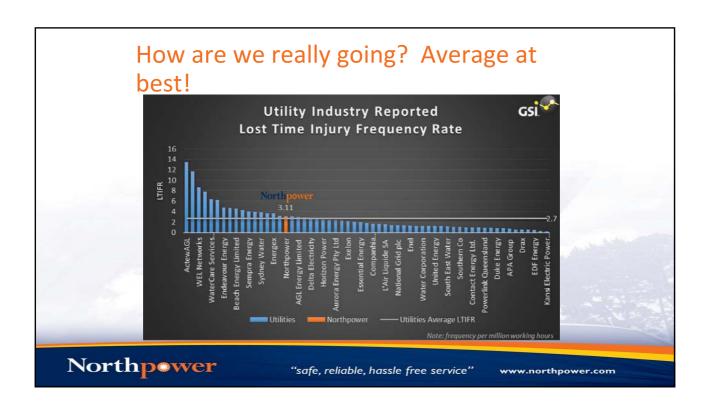
### For the Network Sector

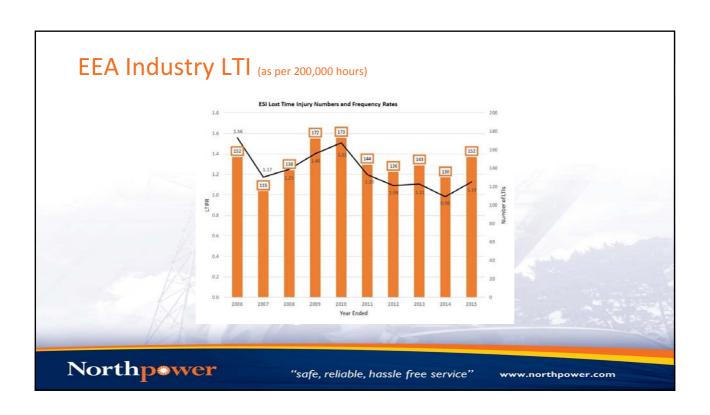
- Coordinated leadership supporting EEA.
- The ENA has always included public safety on its agenda, but also has included worker safety in its strategies and objectives and has created a Board H&S Sub-Committee.
- The purpose is to apply a joint network asset owner approach to safety issues in order to make progress on the critical risks and understanding safety performance.

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# What can we do to improve?

#### Ground up ownership

- Acknowledgement of the current state
- Meaningful data for people to work with at all levels
- Clear, shared safety vision
  - Ground up definition of the end goal, the behaviours that support that and the symbol that embodies it
- Ownership of the outcomes
- Management support, not control

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