

7th August 2018

Committee Secretary

Senate Education and Employment Committees

P.O Box 6100

Parliament House

Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Committee Secretary

RE: THE FRAMEWORK SURROUNDING THE PREVENTION, INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION OF
INDUSTRIAL DEATHS IN AUSTRALIA – REQUEST TO GIVE EVIDENCE AT ENQUIRY

Our 22-year-old son was killed at his workplace in Malaga on 9th October 2007.

They were instructed to lift packs of tower crane parts (which was later proven to be an unsafe lifting method) and the strapping broke and the pack fell apart. Luke was fatally struck to his temple by one of these parts.

This happened at 10 am and we were contacted by the police hours later as we were both at work.

As you can image our world spiralled unbelievably and was broken and to this day is still broken.

It is important to us that we give evidence at this hearing to share our story. We would like to be given the opportunity to tell you what the impact was on us. Firstly, having to deal with Luke's funeral service, trying to come to terms with not having him in our lives and then the gruelling 8-10-day trial and 2, 11th hour appeals. Resulting in the Company and Directors being convicted and fined.

We believe that the fines imposed were grossly inadequate and that if this is not addressed many more family members will never make it safely home because there is no true deterrent, and nothing will change, and our son would have died for nothing.

Having regard to the above, we confirm we would like to give evidence to the Senate Inquiry into the framework surrounding the prevention, investigation and prosecution of industrial deaths in Australia located in Fremantle on 30th August 2018.

Please contact us should you require any further information with respect to the above.

Kind Regards

Mark and Janice Murrie.

