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ABCC - Evidence handling

In answer to question EW0987_12 asking if the ABCC would review Guidance Note No. 2 – ABCC Investigative Process in light of the evidentiary problems in the Setka case, the ABCC said that it wouldn't review the Guidance Note because it doesn't cover evidence handling. Question:

 In the absence of any formal guidance on evidence handling in the form of a Guidance Note, how does the ABCC or its successor, the FWABII, intend to deal with deficient evidence handling practices?

Answer

Fair Work Building & Construction has provided the following response.

As noted in the ABCC's response to EW0989_12, Chapter 20 of the Operations Manual provides formal guidance on evidence handling.