
CONSULTANT PROFILE

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Summary

Peter has been a key representative for over 33 years working with the Victorian Government Health and Safety Regulator (WorkSafe Victoria and its predecessors) dealing with numerous national and multinational companies in the petrochemical and specialty chemical process industry.

During this period, he has been the primary technical reference source to both the Inspectorate and the broader chemical industry in the implementation of both prescriptive and performance based dangerous goods regulatory regimes.

Peter has over 40 years' experience associated with dangerous goods and hazardous chemicals with a long history and reputation of close working relationships with governments, regulatory authorities and industry in all states and has been a key committee member on many of today's Dangerous Goods Australian Standards and the current Chair of AS1940:2017. Technical author of the current Victorian Code of Practice for the storage and handling of dangerous goods and author of many dangerous goods alerts and guidance publications on the current WorkSafe Victoria public website.

For over 20 years, Peter has been the lead dangerous goods technical subject matter expert and incident investigator for the Victorian Government Health and Safety Regulator. For over 30 years Peter has been an Inspector under the Dangerous Goods Act, the Occupational Health and Safety Act and the Equipment (Public Safety) Act as amended.

Education & Qualifications

- B.A.Sc. (Applied Chemistry) (Honours) - RMIT University
 - Further Risk & Chemical Engineering Courses completed - RMIT University
 - Polymer science and paint chemistry specialisation
 - Diploma of Government (Workplace Inspector)
 - Inspector for over 30 years under the Dangerous Goods Act, the Occupational Health and Safety Act and the Equipment (Public Safety) Act as amended
 - Certificate of Drafting Technology
 - Hazard Identification, Risk Assessment and Control of Plant Course – University of Ballarat
 - HAZOP Methods training (KEMCOR Australia)
 - Extensive knowledge on practical application in Quantitative Risk Assessment Studies and Operational Safety Audits
 - Critical Incident Stress Management - Training for Inspectors and Investigators
 - Giving Evidence Training Course – Box Hill Institute of TAFE
 - Country Fire Authority HAZMAT Training Fiskville
 - SafetyMAP - Self Assessment
 - Major Hazards Safety Case Training
 - Manage Risk training - WorkSafe Victoria
 - Investigative Interviewing training - WorkSafe Victoria
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Experience

- Dangerous Goods and Hazardous Chemical Consultant – ChemVit Consulting Pty Ltd (current)
- Principal Dangerous Goods Specialist – WorkSafe Victoria (33 years)
- Plant Chemist – J Gadsden Pty Ltd
- Research and Development Chemist -Taubman's Paints
- Safety Officer and Plastic Specialist - Ford Motor Company
- WorkSafe Victoria representative on many dangerous goods legal case matters and Coronal Inquests.
- Author and reviewer of dangerous goods journals and articles and Safe Work Australian national codes development
- Been the key reference source in Victoria and Nationally associated with Dangerous Goods & Hazardous Chemicals

- Facilitator and lead developer of numerous Codes and Standards on dangerous goods and hazardous chemicals.
 - The Current Chair of AS1940 and key committee member for many other dangerous goods standards and codes.
 - Working party on GHS development and implementation into Victoria as part of National uniformity.
 - Provided 33 years dangerous goods technical field support role to all operational field Inspectors within the Authority.
 - Been the key representative for the Authority on many legal case matters as a technical subject matter expert.
 - Provided coaching and mentoring Inspectors in support to dangerous goods field activity programs in Victoria.
 - Committee member in Victorian regional and state waste management development programs on dangerous goods.
 - Conducted Numerous Operational Safety Audits at workplace premises in Victoria
 - Project development leader for WorkSafe Victoria on many of the current dangerous goods regulatory programs.
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Activities & Affiliations

- Member of the Safety Institute of Australia
- Member of the Royal Australian Chemical Institute (RACI)
- Member of AIDGC (Australian Institute of Dangerous Goods Consultants)
- Chair of Australian Standard AS 1940-2017.
- Technical author of the WorkSafe Victoria Code of Practice for the storage and handling of dangerous goods.
- Member of the Dangerous Goods Advisory Group, Victoria.
- Contributor to The University of Melbourne Chemical Management Guidelines
- Committee member and advisor to numerous dangerous goods Australian standards committees, industry codes and guidelines.
- Association with many other chemical related industry groups and forums such as the Australian Refrigeration Industry, PACIA, AgSafe, AIP Industry representatives, Australian Paint Manufacturers Association, Plastics Institute of Australia, Plastics Industry Manufacturers of Australia.
- Key representative on many forums and Industry Groups on all matters associated with dangerous goods with a long history and close working relationships with regulatory authorities in all states
- Long working relationship with building industry designers and property developers on dangerous goods storage and process facilities in Victoria and interstate.

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