GoldCoast
25-27 February 2020

CFMEU Mining & Energy Division - Queensland District
Global Cut The Dust Conference
The Vibe Hotel Gold Coast
Agenda

Monday 24 February

	Guest Arrivals
6.30 pm – 9.30 pm	**Welcoming Reception** Location - Driftwood Social

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Tuesday 25 February

7.30 am – 8.00 am	**Registration**
8.00 am	**Welcome:** Stephen Smyth **-** Queensland District President
8.15 am	**Welcome to Country Ceremony:** Yugambeh Traditonal Land Owners - Jellurgal Aboriginal Culture
8.30 am	**Video screening**
8.45 am	**Official opening:** The Hon. Dr Anthony Lynham - Queensland Minister for Natural Resources Mines and Energy
9.00 am	**Case studies of occupational lung diseases through recent history** What are these diseases and how were they recognised? **Chair:** Stephen Smyth - Queensland District President **Moderator**: Dr Cecile Rose - Professor of Medicine, National Jewish Health and the University of Colorado, Denver

9.15 am	**How coal workers' lung diseases were first recognised** The movement in the UK to prevent, compensate and treat them **Keynote Speaker:** Dr Deborah Yates - Staff Specialist in Thoracic Medicine at St Vincent's Hospital and Conjoint Associate Professor at UNSW
9.30 am	**The recognition of Black Lung disease in the US** The partnership between physicians and labour **Keynote Speaker:** Dr Robert Cohen MD. FCCP - Clinical Professor, Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences, University of Illinois at Chicago, School of Public Health
9.45 am	**Silicosis: from Gauley Bridge to artificial stone, epidemic disease in unorganised workforce** **Keynote Speaker:** Dr Leonard Go - Assistant Professor of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences, University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health **Discussion and Questions**
10.00 am	**Morning Tea**
10.30 am	**Black Lung myth-busting** There are a lot of misconceptions about coal mine dust lung diseases. This session will look at the science behind the myths. **Chair:** Stephen Smyth
10.40 am – 11.00 am	**Simple coal workers pneumoconiosis is not so simple** **Keynote Speaker:** Dr Leonard Go - Assistant Professor of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences, University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health
11.00 am – 11.30 am	**It is not only smoking that is causing your emphysema, it's that coal dust you inhaled!** Obstructive lung disease and coal dust **Keynote Speaker:** Dr Leonard Go - Assistant Professor of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences, University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health

11.30 am – 11.50 am	**The cause of the scarring in your lungs maybe coal mine dust and it may be treatable** Pulmonary fibrosis and occupational exposures **Keynote Speaker:** Dr Deborah Yates - Staff Specialist in Thoracic Medicine at St Vincent's Hospital and Conjoint Associate Professor at UNSW
11.50 am – 12.10 pm	**Low dust levels from mine sampling does not replace the need for medical surveillance** The role of health screening and secondary prevention **Keynote Speaker:** Dr Robert Cohen MD. FCCP - Clinical Professor, Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences, University of Illinois at Chicago, School of Public Health
12.10 pm – 12.30 pm	**Does being an open cut miner mean you can't get Black Lung*?*** Are respirators the answer for primary prevention of Black Lung? **Keynote Speaker:** Dr Cecile Rose - Professor of Medicine, National Jewish Health and the University of Colorado **Discussion and Questions**
12.30 pm	**Lunch**
1.00 pm	**Secondary prevention of Black Lung in the United States:** Lessons learned from the US Coal Workers' health surveillance program **Chair:** Mitch Hughes - Queensland District Vice President **Keynote Speaker:** Dr Cara Halldin - Management Officer NIOSH Coal Workers Health Surveillance Program **Discussion and Questions**
1.30 pm	**Dust management system failures** Lessons from the Australia and the US – Why we still have Black Lung disease in coal mines in the 21st Century **Chair:** Jeff Scales - Queensland District Vice President **Keynote Speaker:** Dr Robert Cohen **Panellist:** Stephen Smyth, Jason Hill - Queensland District Industry Health & Safety Representative **Discussion and Questions**
2.15 pm	**Challenges of securing compensation for workers**

Lessons from the US in fighting for dust disease compensation
Chair: Steven Pierce - Queensland District Vice President
Keynote Speaker: Grant Crandall – Legal Counsel UMWA United Mineworkers of America
Panellists: Australian Black Lung Victims Group
Discussion and Questions

3.00 pm **Afternoon Tea**

3.20 pm **Queensland government response to re-emergence of Black Lung**
Regulators have implemented a wide range of measures with still more to be done
Chair: Jason Hill
Keynote Speakers and Panellist:

- Mark Stone – Executive Director Resources Safety and Health DNRME
- Kerri Melkersson – A/Executive Director Occupational Health and Hygiene DNRME
- Fritz Djukic – Inspector of Mines - Hygiene DNRME

Discussion and Questions

4.30 pm **Mine dust health support**
Chair: Stephen Smyth
Presenters:

- Bruce Watson - Chief Executive Officer WorkCover Queensland
- Janene Hillhouse – Executive Director, Workers Compensation Policy and Services, Office of Industrial Relations
- Kerri Melkersson – A/Executive Director Occupational Health and Hygiene DNRME

5.00 pm **End of Day 1**

6.30 pm **VIP International Dinner (Invitation Only)**

Wednesday 26 February

8.30 am **Case studies from Australian workplaces**

Managing dust exposure and organising for safer workplaces
Chair: Stephen Woods, Queensland District Industry Health & Safety Representative
Keynote Speakers and Panellist:

- Stephen Smyth - Queensland District President
- Jason Hill - Queensland District Industry Health & Safety Representative
- Mark Shepherd – Compliance and Industry Support Manager CMTS-OH Coal Services NSW
- David Meredith – Head of Health Services Coal Services Health
- Liam O'Brien - Assistant Secretary, Australian Council of Trade Unions
- Chris Cain, WA Branch Secretary and National President of Maritime Union of Australia

Discussion and Questions

10.30 am **Morning Tea**

11.00 am **Case studies from international workplaces**
Lessons from unions around the world in the prevention of dust exposure
Introduction to breakout sessions
Chair: Stephen Smyth

11.15 am **International Union Reports**
Breakout sessions – Three (3) groups
International Unions:

- UMWA - United Mine Workers of America, USW - United Steelworkers of Canada
- NUM - National Union of Mineworkers South Africa
- Rosugleprof - Russian Independent Coal Employees' Union
- MEGM - Federation of Energy Geology and Mining Workers' Trade Unions of Mongolia
- PCMLF - Pakistan Central Mines Labour Federation
- HKMF - Hind Khadan Mazdoor Federation of India
- CEMWU SPSI - Chemical Energy and Mines Workers Union of Indonesia

Discussion and Questions

1.30 pm	**Lunch**
2.30 pm	**Reports from breakout sessions to the entire group** Report of conclusions and action items **Presenter selected from each group**
3.30 pm	**Afternoon Tea**
4.00 pm	**Services to support dust affected workers** Union, legal, health services and workers compensation **Chair:** Shane Brunker - Queensland District Vice President **Keynote Speakers:** ▪ Linda Brangan - Lawyer Hall Payne Lawyers ▪ Craig Worsley - Lawyer Taylors Solicitors **Discussion and Questions**
5.00 pm	**End of Day 2**
6.00 pm	**Conference Dinner –** All Welcome

Thursday 27 February

9.30 am	**Working towards a better future in dust affected industries** Develop an agreed global statement outling our future goals and approach to stamping out occupational dust lung diseases **Chair:** Stephen Watts - Queensland District Industry Safety & Health Representative **Speaker:** Stephen Smyth - Queensland District President **Discussion and Questions**
11.00 am	**Morning Tea**
11.30 am	**Wrap Up, Overview & Close of Conference**
12.00 pm – 1.00 pm	**Lunch & End of Day 3**