

Findings and learnings implementing a research impact framework

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RESEARCH



BROKER



TRANSLATION

2015-2020

> 130 ISCRR projects delivered

> 1000 research outputs

ISCRR's mission is to **collaboratively develop, execute and translate** the highest quality research, which helps WorkSafe optimise their outcomes and those of their clients.



A unique collaborative partnership



WorkSafe research impact framework

Research Impact Data Collection Stages

Project development



Project conduct



Project delivery



Project completion



Post-project assessment and review

Continuous Improvement Cycle



Prospective data collation

Building evidence base and research capacity

Research impact assessment



Research dissemination and diffusion



Inform decision making



Societal change

Research Impact tracking over time

ISCRR research impact 2020 overview

PROJECTS

17 ISCRR projects

14 2018–19 FY
3 2019–20 FY

71 Intended impacts were identified during project development

IMPACT

65%

Intended impacts achieved at some level

82%

ISCRR projects helped WorkSafe Victoria make evidence-informed decisions

96% 

Research diffusion impacts achieved

73% 

Decision making impacts achieved

36% 

Societal change impacts achieved

Summary of learnings and outcomes

LEVEL 1



Research dissemination and diffusion

- Almost all (96%) of the research dissemination and diffusion impacts were found to have been achieved

LEVEL 2



Informing decision making

- 82% of ISCRR projects helped WorkSafe Victoria make evidence-informed decisions
- Identified as the most informative level of research impact for WorkSafe

LEVEL 3



Societal change

- 5 projects showed evidence of potential societal change under the themes of:
- Prevention and reduction of workplace injury/illness
 - Improvement of patient handling injury investigation
 - Improved return to work service scores
 - Worker behaviour change

WorkSafe research impact: Phase 2

Next steps

Early results confirming findings from year one

- Measures and data collection techniques need to fit the WorkSafe operational context: fast paced, constantly changing environment with frequent staff movements and changes in priorities

WorkSafe current focus

- Developing a sustainable, and feasible method to measure impact



Research impact success

SUCCESS FACTORS



Stakeholder engagement
from project design



Measurement of impact in
accordance with business
needs



Identification of
champions

POTENTIAL BARRIERS

Feasibility of
impact goals



Impact data collection
methodology and
validation of findings



Resourcing

