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### **icare 2017 TMF CONFERENCE AND AWARDS TO EMPOWER NSW GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO BETTER MANAGE WORKPLACE RISK**

[icare](#) NSW CEO Vivek Bhatia today announced the upcoming **icare TMF Risk Management Conference** to promote the exchange of ideas and workplace risk-management best practice across the NSW public sector.

The conference and annual **TMF Awards for Excellence** will be held on Tuesday 5 September and Wednesday 6 September 2017, at the Hilton Hotel, Sydney.

“icare’s goal is to protect the safety and wellbeing of workers, and a primary way we achieve that is by supporting NSW government agencies to further enhance workplace safety, build capability and tailored safety regimes and be there when an accident does happen,” Mr Bhatia said.

“The TMF awards and conference provides the opportunity to recognise safety innovation in the public sector and to share knowledge so together we can improve the safety culture in NSW.

“This years’ conference theme is **'Sustainability: A holistic approach to risk management'** and attendees will hear from a range of industry experts about how sustainability and risk management combine for responsible, proactive decision-making and safety innovation in workplaces,” he said.

[Keynote speakers](#) at the 2017 conference include:

- Sam Mostyn, President of the Australian Council for International Development
- Dr Stefan Hajkowitz, Principal Scientist, CSIRO
- Dr Catherine Ball, Scientist, Drone expert and founder of She Flies & Remote Research Ranges
- [Amanda Keogh](#), General Manager, [icare Foundation](#)

icare Group Executive, Self Insurance, Community and Innovation, Tim Plant, said: “Coupled with the conference, the TMF awards program provides the platform to recognise and encourage innovative approaches to reducing risk.

“We want to empower our government agency partners to ‘think outside the box’ and develop clever ways to reduce the numbers of claims, incidents and injuries within their agencies.

“The awards recognise industry leadership, innovation and hard work in workplace risk management in areas such as Work Health Safety, Injury Management, Enterprise Risk Management and Organisational Resilience.

“Last year’s People’s Choice Winner, NSW Department of Education (DET) in partnership with Ministry of Health and [headspace School Support](#), recognised the impact youth suicide has on the greater school community.

“This collaboration developed the ‘Responding to Student Suicide: Support Guidelines for Schools,’ a toolkit to help teachers, staff and students deal with and respond to a student suicide or suicide attempt.

“The TMF awards and conference are a key offering of icare’s partnering program with our government agency clients and I encourage participation as we together strive to improve workplace safety in NSW,” Mr Plant said.

Entries for the **TMF Awards for Excellence** have closed.

To register for the **icare TMF Risk Management Conference**, visit the website [here](#).

[Watch the icare TMF 2016 Awards video.](#)

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