

# State and Territory Update

## WA

- Through the Alarm Response Working Group (of which ASIAL is a member), significant progress has been made with WA Police and other emergency services in developing a response to manage alarm response issues, including reducing the number of false alarms.
- The Minister for Police, The Hon John Kobelcke announced the establishment of the WA Security Industry Advisory Council. ASIAL is represented on the Council through its branch Chair, Arthur Barker. The Council is working through a raft of issues, including an industry code of conduct.

## South Australia

- Through negotiations with the South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service, ASIAL worked through a number of issues relating to a change to procedures for privately monitored fire alarms. This includes agreement by SAMFS to a transitional 3 month introductory period.
- ASIAL has participated at bi-annual Security Industry Consultation Group meetings organised by the Office of Business and Consumer Affairs.

## Victoria

- ASIAL through its President, Ged Byrnes has been an active participant on the Victorian Security Industry Advisory Council. ASIAL representatives have also provided leadership through participation on the various VSIAC sub-committees.
- ASIAL has continued to offer tailored professional development courses and materials for members in Victoria to meet their Continuing Professional Development requirements.
- In late June the Association provided advertising and editorial support for the security careers supplement that appeared in the *Herald Sun* newspaper.
- In September 2007, under the auspices of Reframing the Future (an initiative of the Council of Australian Governments), ASIAL provided support to the Effective Networking - Industry Training Networks initiative.

## Queensland

- ASIAL has played an active role in lobbying the Queensland government to ensure that changes to the Security Providers Act meet industry needs. The introduction of a broader licensing regime and the comprehensive probity checking of those working in the industry will mark a significant turning point for the security industry in Queensland.
- ASIAL has conducted an extensive campaign to promote the new security licensing requirements in Queensland, including a direct mail and email campaign, printed A3 posters distributed to security wholesalers and suppliers, and hand outs on what the changes will mean.
- ASIAL has been represented on numerous committees and interest groups, including the Police & Security Industry Advisory Committee.
- During the year Terry Bennett, a former Group General Manager of Group 4 (now ISS) and former Chair of ASIAL's Queensland Branch, took up the position of Regulatory Affairs Advisor for Queensland. The position provides the Association with a local representative who can liaise with government and unions on a range of industry issues.

## New South Wales

- After a wait of two years the Security Industry Regulation 2007 was released in August 2007. Requirements included the need for all licensed operatives to re-apply for their licence under revised categories and for additional training upgrades in specialist categories.
- The introduction of the new licensing requirements has resulted in the suspension of over 7,500 licences and a reduction in the number of entrants into the Industry.
- In September, the Minister for Police, The Hon David Campbell announced the re-establishment of the NSW Security Industry Council with the appointment of 12 Council members. ASIAL is represented on the Council through its CEO.
- The year has seen a strengthening of the relationship between the industry and the NSW Police which has enabled a more collaborative partnership to be developed.
- ASIAL through the NSW ITAB has applied for the electronic security traineeship entry level requirement to be reduced to 16 years to allow year 10 entry. This is an important ASIAL initiative, designed to develop genuine training and career paths within this area of the Industry, is nearing fruition.

## Australian Capital Territory

- Discussions have been held with the Australian Federal Police to develop a closer working relationship with the industry.

## Tasmania

- The Association has enjoyed improved interaction with the Tasmanian Police thanks to the participation of Inspector Michael Grant at our breakfast meetings.
- The Association has approached the Police Commissioner requesting a representative from the security industry participate on the Crime Prevention and Community Safety Council.