

SafeWork NSW Priorities for 2026-27 NSW

Master Electricians Australia (MEA) is a peak industry association representing electrical contractors across Australia, majority of which are small and medium sized businesses and has been supporting Australia's electrical businesses since 1937. We are recognised by industry, government and the community as a leading business partner, knowledge source and advocate. You can visit our website at www.masterelectricians.com.au

MEA's Position

MEA supports the proposed FY26 regulatory priorities, particularly the focus on [working at heights](#) and injuries involving [mobile plant](#); both high-risk areas regularly managed by our members.

Additionally, our members continue to observe a concerning lack of awareness regarding exposure to [hazardous materials](#), particularly silica-based products.

Concerns

MEA recognises that small businesses often face resource constraints that limit their ability to keep up with evolving codes, regulations, and legislation. This challenge is particularly evident in managing [psychosocial hazards](#), which are less tangible and more difficult to identify and assess.

While addressing these risks are all vital, it is equally important that small businesses are provided with sufficient financial and administrative support to enable effective compliance.

Although current support measures, such as existing guidance materials, are commendable, MEA considers that further assistance is necessary. Expanded support could include:

- *Expanded Financial Assistance* – The existing [\\$1,000 NSW Government rebate](#) is a welcome initiative but is limited to tangible safety items. We advocate for increased funding that also covers non-tangible costs such as administrative personnel, compliance software, and time allocated for staff training.
- *Communication Channels* - Form partnerships with industry associations (like MEA) to co-design and distribute practical compliance tools.

MEA commends NSW pro-active approach to making the workplace a safer environment for all workers. We are available for further discussion on the matter.