

# ***Perspectives on:*** **Safety in Design**

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# Safety in Design – where has it come from?

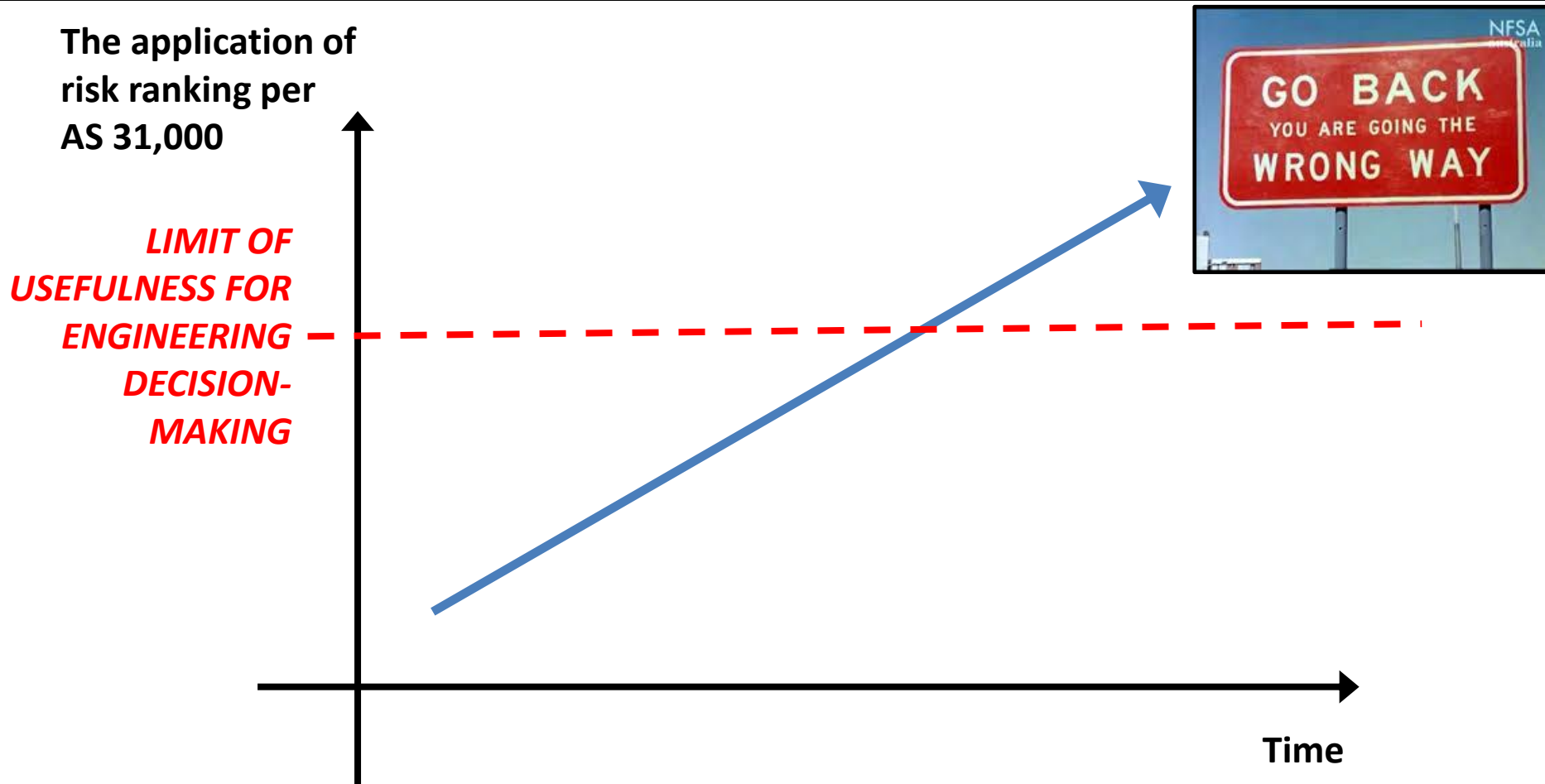
**Safety in Design is a contemporary term that has become common in the context of the harmonised WHS-legislated duties of designers, and draws attention to procedures and steps that would ideally be built-into engineering and project-delivery processes but sometimes are not.**

**In the absence of such processes, having a specific SiD process is a good way to draw attention to the requirements until it becomes embedded as an organisation's 'business as usual'.**

# Perspectives

- **What is SiD?**
  - *Safe Design (SD)*
  - *Safety by Design (SBD)*
  - *Safety through Design (STD)*
  - *Engineered Safety*
- **What isn't SiD?**
  - *Intrinsic safety (that's different)*
  - *Risk Assessment*
- **Where has risk assessment gone wrong?**
- **What does success look like?**

# Perspective: risk assessment gone too far



The issue is BEHAVIOURS, not the principle.

## My Perspectives:

### Safety in Design – 1 of 2

- **My view was that SiD represented a failure in the design process to address the user requirements, construction and maintenance safety requirements**
- **I didn't 'get' what SiD was doing**
- **My engineering 'upbringing' in defence** was that safety was addressed through requirements capture and systems engineering.
- **The shocks outside defence:**
  - *What URS? What spec? What interfaces? What integration? What systems engineering? What traceability? What configuration management?*
  - The 'traditional approach': Going straight from brief to design!
- **First experiences of SiD**
  - No targets set, as I would expect for functionally-safe designs
  - Variable attention to maintainability & through-life support in the design
  - Good formats, and good outcomes, but incomplete owing to **lack of time!**
- **Revelation:** SiD is a systematic, structured process for analysing the human-to-asset interfaces (and asset to environment). It is different from a HAZOP because HAZOP is intended to analyse deviations from design intent.

- **The surprising revelations of the harmonised WHS laws**
  - Previous OH(W)&S laws covered duties of designers, but less explicitly
  - The usage of SiD as a 'thing to do' and code of practice
  - Not a concern, if you have an engineering management system / process
- **Recognising the value of labelling “SiD”** as a 'thing to do', because it does not appear to be done well otherwise
- **Splitting-out** SiD in my generic Engineering Process Map
- **Developing** the ideas, testing and refining
- **Cultural barriers** to eliminating hazards / reducing risks SFAIRP:
  - Too much to do; too costly
  - What value does this add?
  - We don't need it
- **Current status:**
  - SiD has a place, because the profile needs to be raised to address the **statistically significant safety problems**
  - I still believe it reflects 'not doing things properly in the first place'
  - It would be nice to SiD 'melt-away into' doing things properly.
  - There is still confusing between SiD, PHA, HAZOP, FMEA, risk assessment, etc

# What is SiD?

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Throughout design, keep asking yourself and each other:

***Can we make it safer?***

**And if not, why not? (under WHS legislation you need to be able to demonstrate *reasoning and justification*)**

# This is what it is all about

Design-related issues contributed to **37%** fatalities studied (total 210 researched incidents) and **30%** of serious non-fatal injuries.

**Half** of all accidents in construction could have been prevented by designer intervention

Equipment designers of tools, plant and equipment could have reduced the risk in **60 of 100** accidents.

*Statistics quoted from Australian and UK safety authorities*



# Are things getting safer?

2002 NOHSCC Findings:

**37%**

2012 findings

**36%**

2015 SafeWork SA (anecdotal / not researched)

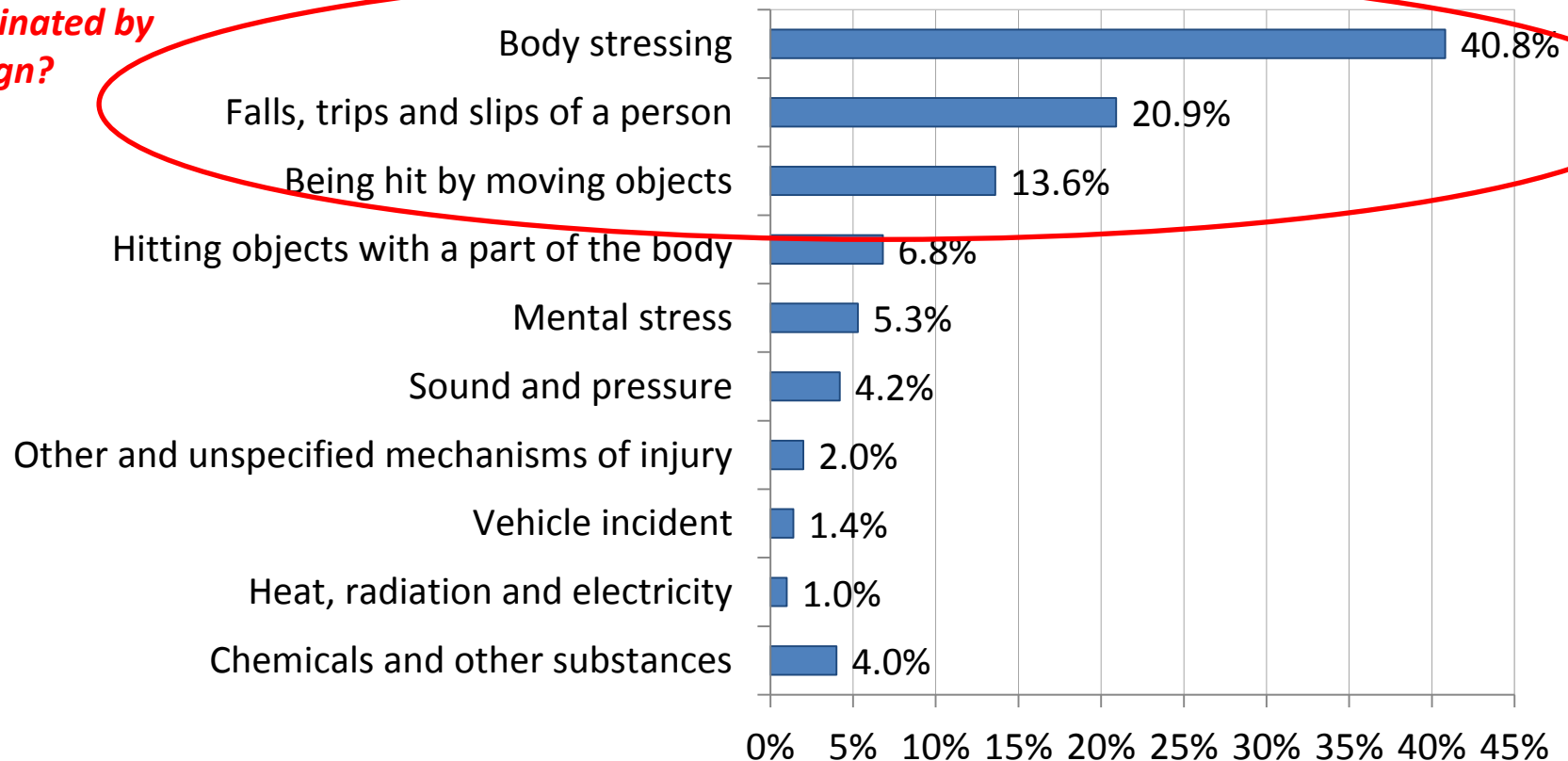
**30%**

... incidents, injuries or fatalities could have been averted at the **design stage.**

# Australian Workplace Injuries

## Serious Claims: Percentage by Mechanism of Injury/Disease, 2009-10

*Surely, these can be  
eliminated by  
design?*



# The design stage...

CONCEPT	ASSESS- MENT	DESIGN	MANU- FACTURE	CON- STRUCT	COMM- SSION	IN- SERVICE	DECOM./ DISPOSE
Brief / URS / Concept design	Options Scope Specif'n	Detail design	IFC	As-built	Changes Mark-ups DCC	Mod's, upgrades refurb A&A	Mod's
Engineer	Engineer	Designer	Designer	Engineer/ Designer	Engineer	Engineer	Engineer

# What is SiD?

# Safe Design = Good Design

*It's a simple equation*

*What is good design?*

# Good Design = Good Engineering

# What constitutes good engineering?

## Before doing any design work:

- Competent people
- Design Change Control procedure, through-life
- Verification and Validation process
- Engineering Authority Structure
- Engineering process

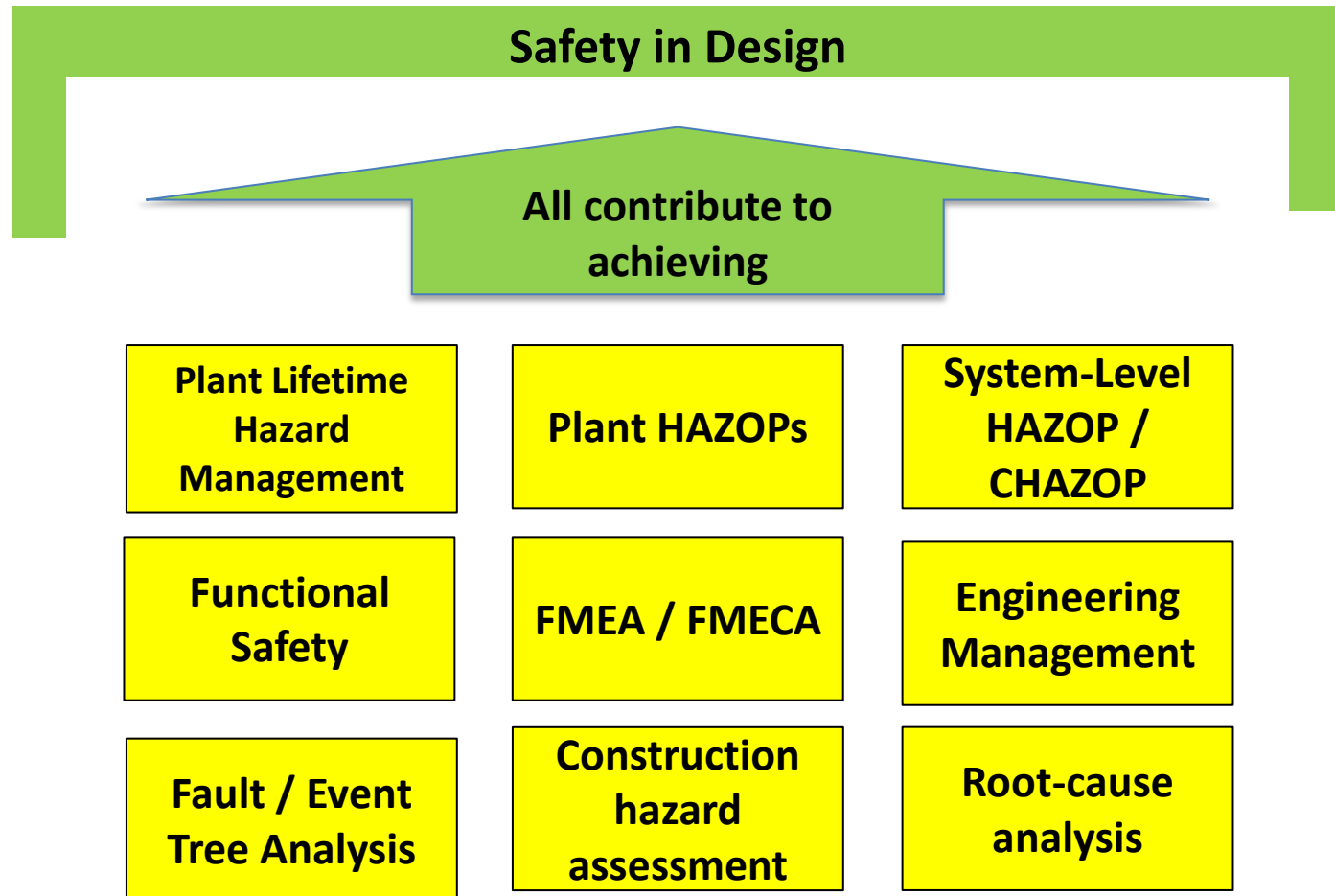
## Per piece of engineering or design work (per project):

- Information transfer plan
- Human-to Asset interface matrix
- Requirement Specification (or URS)
- TALK to users
- Spec. for detail design

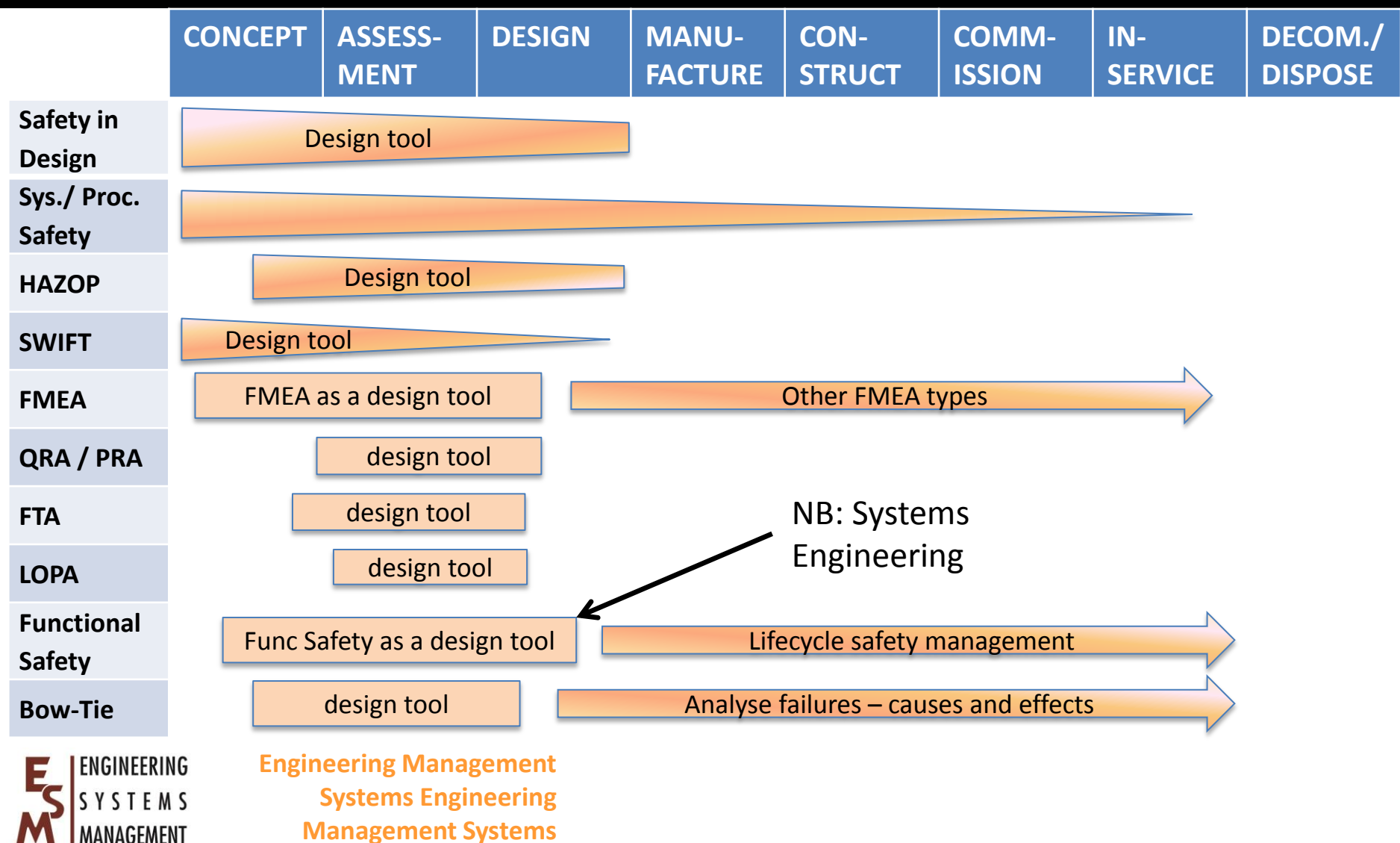
# What is Engineered Safety?

Practice / tool / technique	Used for....
<b>Safety in Design / PHA (Also 'CHAIR')</b>	What will be the 'human-to-asset', environment-to-asset, and asset-to-asset interfaces, and can we make them safer?
<b>Systems / Process Safety</b>	Understand top-level concepts of operations & functional reqt's, identify the hazards and then the safety functions to control them
<b>HAZOP studies per AS IEC 61882</b>	Analysis of what happens when design are operated <b>outside its design intent</b>
<b>SWIFT</b>	Systematic what-if technique. Good for operator interactions with / into a system (less formal / faster than HAZOP)
<b>FMEA per AS IEC 60812 (FMECA, FMEDA, process FMEA)</b>	What if a component fails whilst operating within design intent? Analysis of predicted, random failure rates of new designs / mod's
<b>QRA/ PRA &amp; Bow-tie analysis; Event tree &amp; Fault tree analyses</b>	Typically: incident causation and consequence analysis. Something has gone wrong...what next? (Actual or postulated)
<b>LOPA (Layers of Protection Analysis)</b>	What diverse means of achieving safe states dare there, in case one fails?
<b>Functional Safety per AS IEC 61508/61511</b>	Justification of electrical, electronic, programmable system performance. "The safety of functions."
<b>Major Hazard Facilities</b>	Legislation supported by guides from Safe Work Australia (Good model of systems safety). Requires a <b>SAFETY CASE</b>

# Context: SiD 'Umbrella' over design tools



# Engineered Safety: tools, practices and techniques, and their applicability throughout the engineering lifecycle, indicating effectiveness





# Ten Steps of SiD

1. LESSONS LEARNT
2. DETERMINE SAFETY IN DESIGN REQUIREMENTS:
3. EARLY ENGAGEMENT OF O&M / HAZARD REGISTER:
4. CONDUCT OTHER SAFETY STUDIES
5. ALIGN UNDERSTANDING
6. EARLY ENGAGEMENT OF STAKEHOLDERS (CONSTRUCTION & COMMISSIONING)
7. LIVE HAZARD TRACKING
8. INFORMATION TRANSFER & **Safety Report** (SiD Report) (WHS Reg 295)
9. VERIFY AND VALIDATE SAFETY IN DESIGN ACTIONS
10. SAFETY IN DESIGN LESSONS LEARNT

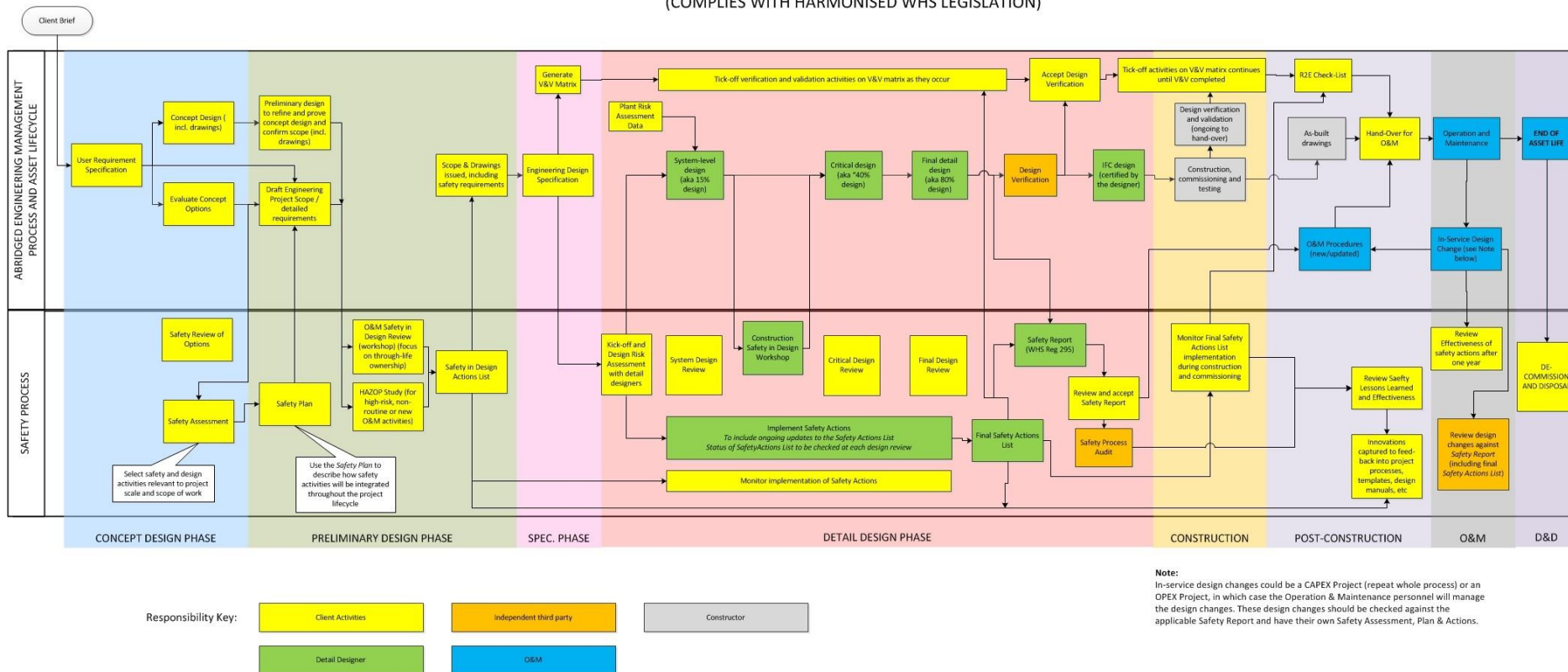
# Safety in Design – Ten Steps *(A minimum set of activities?)*

	WHAT?	DELIVERABLE	WHEN?
1	<b>Find lessons learned</b> <i>Put them in the requirements spec. Start a hazard register</i>	Lessons learned list / hazard register. Keep it live throughout the project.	At the start of design / after the brief / as part of writing the R Spec
2	<b>SiD Impact Assessment</b> <i>Determine SiD requirements</i>	Signed assessment form	When there is a concept to conduct a meaningful assessment
3	<b>SiD Management Plan</b> <i>Who does what, when?</i>	Signed plan, with project plan / design plan (or within one of them)	When you know the preferred engineering / design option
4	<b>SID Review of O&amp;M</b> <i>Early engagement of O&amp;M / HAZARD REGISTER</i>	Updated hazard register, With hazards, and means to address them, per hierarchy of controls. Confidence in the design	When you have a draft scope
5	<b>Other safety studies</b> <i>HAZOP, FMEA, bow-tie, etc</i>	Study reports	Per the plan: when they are appropriate in the design lifecycle
6	<b>Align understanding: SiD programme and roles and responsibilities</b> <i>1 hour meeting</i>	Meeting minutes, signed	At D&C contract kick-off meeting(s)
7	<b>SID Review of Construction and Commissioning</b> <i>Early engagement of C&amp;C staff / update HAZARD REGISTER</i>	Updated hazard register, with hazards, and means to address them, per hierarchy of controls. Confidence in the design	As soon as there is sufficient information to review. Around 15-40% detail design (scheme design, general arrangements)
8	<b>Keep track of identified hazards</b>	Updated hazard register	Throughout the design lifecycle, and into O&M
9	<b>Safety Report (SiD Report)</b> <i>WHS Regulation 295 for Structures – and plant too, according to the guidance for plant</i>	SiD (Safety) Report	At the end of Detail Design, with the design report. <i>Format not specified, eg: can put on a drawing.</i>
10	<b>Capture lessons learned</b>	Lessons learned in single register in the organisation	Throughout

# Process integration

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OVERVIEW: INTEGRATED SUBSTATION ENGINEERING AND SAFETY PROGRAMME  
(COMPLIES WITH HARMONISED WHS LEGISLATION)



# The Requirement Specification

## Requirement Categories

### Lifetime

Availability  
Reliability  
Maintainability  
Spares  
Refurbishment  
End of Life  
Replacement  
Decommissioning  
Disposal

Function

Performance

Environmental compliance

**Safety Engineering**

**OH&S**

Delivery

Cost/financial

Project Management

Policy

Interface - External to system

Interface - Internal to System

Environment (impact on)

**Through-Life Support**

Physical characteristics

Resources (people, money, time, tools, materials)

Design Process

Security or privacy

QA. QC & certification

# Foresight in the Asset Lifecycle

Engineers need to demonstrate CONSIDERATION and FORESIGHT throughout:

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# Human-to-Asset Interfaces

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*You can do this for environment-to-asset interfaces too*

ASSET LIFECYCLE HUMANS	CONSTRUCT	COMMISSION	HAND-OVER	OPERATE	MAINTAIN	D&D
Trades / Skilled	✓	✓				✓
Visitors ('bloody engineers')	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Surveyors	✓				✓	
Maintenance staff					✓	✓
Cleaners			✓		✓	
Inspectors / auditors	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓

# Two key process steps

The **assessment form** tailors the SiD program to the scope, scale and complexity of the project.

- It's a very important step! Makes the process practical
- Also achieves buy-in from the start

**SiD Review** is the process 'cornerstone', to identify:

- What tasks will be carried out throughout O&M?
- What hazards will be presented to end users when carrying out these tasks?
- Are there things we can do during design to make the tasks safer?

# SiD Reviews ('workshops')

Analyse tasks carried out during:

- Operation & Maintenance
- Outages
- Planned Upgrades
- Decommissioning
- Disposal
- **Construction**: separate workshop



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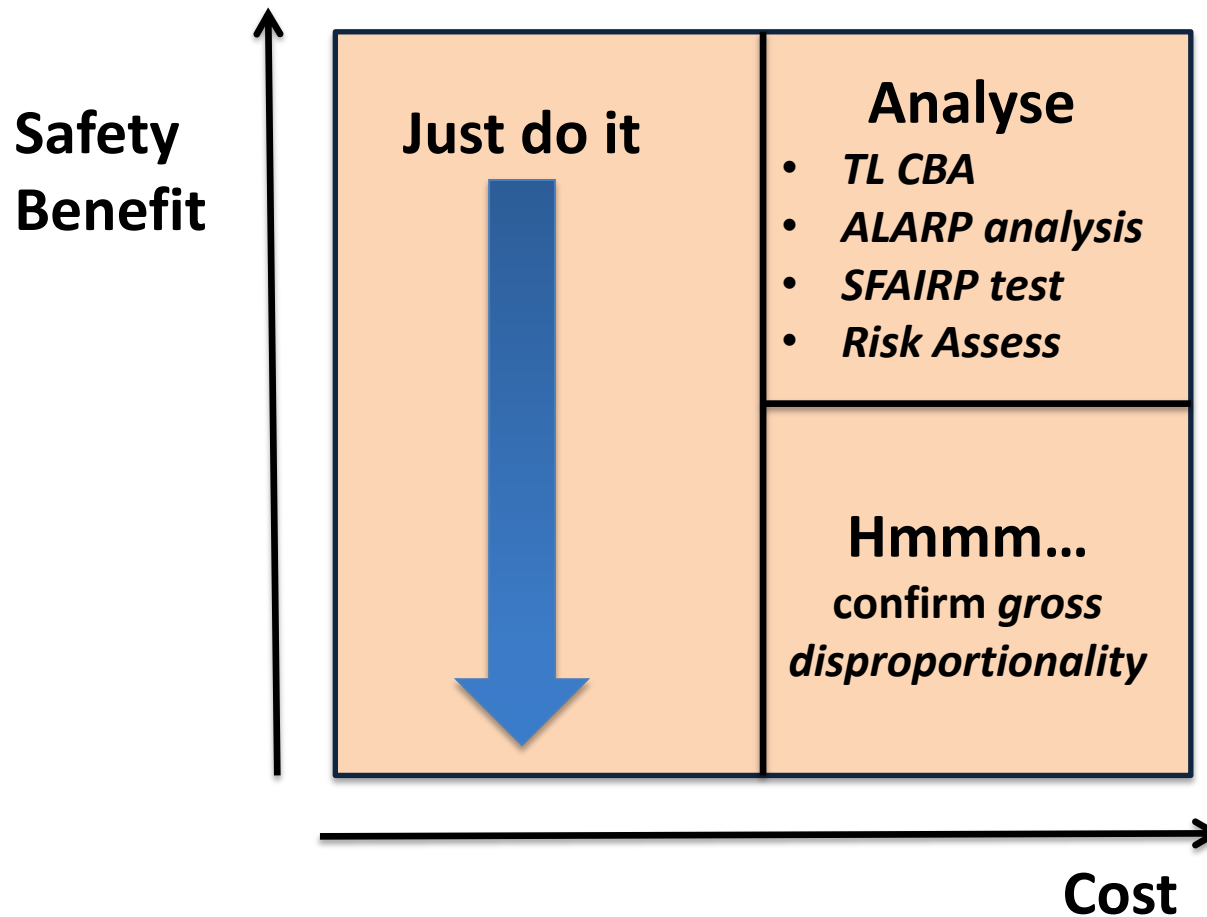
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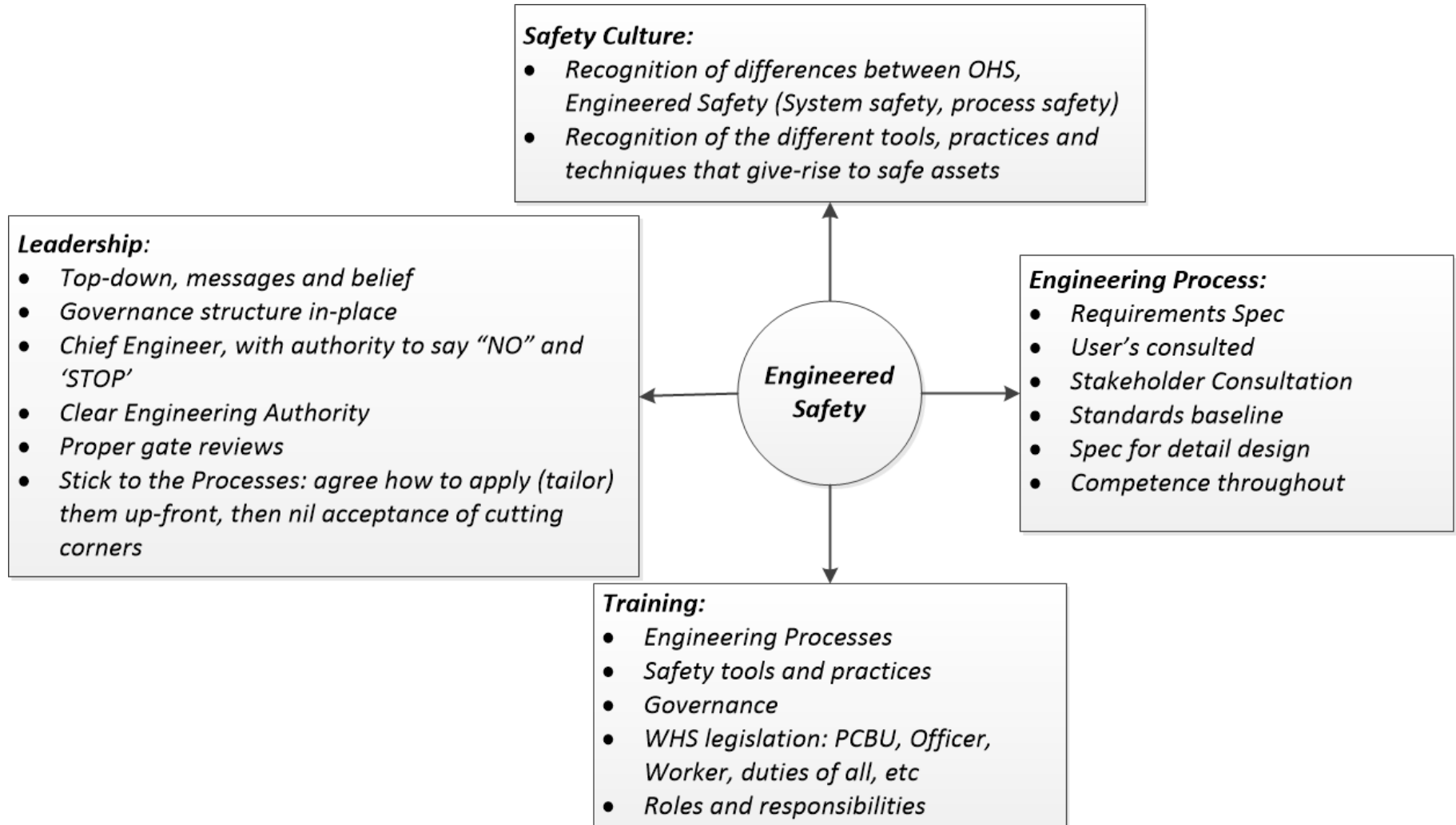
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# Reasonable Practicability



# Contributors to a safe state:



# Review:

<b>What is SiD?</b>	Clear, mandatory steps throughout the engineering and design lifecycles, to plan for and address safety requirements (focus on HAZARDS). The PROPER application of the tools, practices and techniques that give-rise to safer outcomes
<b>What isn't SiD?</b>	Risk ranking, single workshops, the application of AS 31,000
<b>Where has risk assessment gone wrong?</b>	Over-use of risk ranking in relation to assessing safety hazards. Leads to false sense of security and achievement

# Review:

<b>What does success look like?</b>	<b>ULTIMATELY: FEWER SAFETY INCIDENTS, INJURIES AND FATALITIES</b>
<b>The tangible</b>	<p>Having an engineering management process, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Single repository of lessons learned in the organisation, managed by an individual</li><li>• Design Change Control process</li><li>• Verification and Validation process</li><li>• Requirement specifications, that include safety and human factors</li><li>• Engineering Authority Structure</li><li>• Two roles: senior engineering manager and chief engineer</li><li>• A documented engineering process</li><li>• Templates, with mandatory fields</li><li>• An absence of 'tick-box engineering'</li><li>• <b>Focus on HAZARDS, not RISKS</b></li><li>• <b>ONE HAZARD REGISTER for your project</b> (or, at least, all registers on ONE PLACE)</li><li>• SiD Information Package: single point of information for the organisation's SiD process, plus GUIDANCE</li><li>• Clear SiD requirements in CONTRACTS – or risk getting poor outputs</li></ul>

# Review:

<b>The less-tangible</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Leadership: participatory, supportive and visible</li><li>• Training</li><li>• SiD principles: clear, well-communicated. Overt, not hidden.</li><li>• Culture: the willingness to say 'no', and supportive / professional when this occurs</li><li>• Understanding the difference between hazards and risks</li><li>• Understanding the difference between a constructability review and construction SiD review</li><li>• Understanding the concept of 'Design Intent'</li><li>• SiD Focus Group: consultative review group, accountable to leadership team</li><li>• Clear Accountability: stakeholders know what is required of them</li><li>• Audits</li></ul>
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# Summary of perspectives

1. SiD is part of the engineering and design lifecycles
2. 'Built-in, not bolt-on' (like quality)
3. It is not difficult
4. It starts at the beginning
5. Requires systematic approach
6. Talk about hazards, and the hierarchy of controls
7. Is not risk assessment, but contributes to overall risk reduction