

# QESH

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*Welcome to the 35th client update newsletter from QEC. In this issue we offer our services to assist in reducing business cost during the economic recession. Recessions are a good time for effective managers to analyse their existing model and identify improvements to ensure their operation is at optimum performance.*  
*Leigh-Anne Peake*

### **Compliance Assessments and Management**

In times of cost cutting, compliance is often regarded as an unnecessary cost. The cost of non compliance is not budgeted for and the cost of enforcement not considered. Compliance with legislation and consents needs to remain a priority. Our team of consultants draw on extensive industry experience and are equipped with a wide range of specialist tools to fast track you through complex legislation. We can assess your business compliance needs and ensure your ongoing compliance requirements are met. We will identify areas where you need to do more, and areas where you can do less.

### **Training Programme Assessments**

Some of the biggest impacts from recessions are layoffs, unemployment and change, which, are also some of the strongest drivers of workplace health and safety, HSNO and environmental compliance issues. We can assess your company training programme against regulatory requirements, with the aim of identifying training that you should be doing, and are not; and training that might not be necessary at this time. Change management and induction training for staff moving roles is also important. As a PTE we can issue a range of unit standards for trainees, as well as certificates of attendance and various licences, ensuring the investment you put into training counts. Our courses are advertised on our web page, and we can tailor courses specifically for your organisation and employee needs.

### **Cleaner Production Audit**

It's not often you look forward to an audit, however when the audit can identify unnecessary cost associated with wastage of resources, and identify savings via different recycling and reduction options it makes good financial sense.

QEC has been contracted to the Rotorua District Council for six years now to assess and assist businesses achieve cost savings with cleaner production. The results have been phenomenal and all participating businesses have reduced cost significantly. By demonstrating a

commitment to cleaner production, your public image will also improve.

Some of the businesses we have already assisted with cleaner production assessments and their savings include:

- Rotorua Hospital reduced solid waste and saved \$17,000 per annum in disposal fees;
- Valentines Restaurant reduced electricity consumption and saved \$14,000 per annum.

### **Re-Assign Specialist Tasks**

When staff leave your organisation your first response can often be to rehire and replace them. This is a costly process and involves downtime associated with induction and orientation training. QEC staff are selected from diverse industry backgrounds and specialise in regulatory compliance. We can take over your specialist tasks on contract and the benefit of using a contractor – if you don't use us you don't pay us! You can get back to running your business assured you have the best person attending to the task on your behalf.

### **Cost Saving Tips**

- Put a pile of scrap paper next to the photocopier. Use it instead of the good stuff when taking copies for internal use.
- Have someone within the organisation responsible for checking travel costs. It is amazing how much private travel ends up being charged to the company, or how often travel companies don't book the most cost effective rates.

### **Did You Know?**

Not only does every tonne of recycled paper saves 13 trees but it also saves 2.5 barrels of oil, 4,100 kilowatts energy, 4 cubic metres landfill and 31,780 litres water.

The amount of petroleum used to make one plastic bag is enough to drive a car about 115m. The amount of plastic bags Ashburton uses each year could drive a car to Mt Hutt and back 9,300 times.

