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We have been lobbying government in WA for a number of years on wall chasing and safety matters relating to this. On the 4th May 2018 we met with the WorkSafe Commissioner, Ian Munns, the leader of the Senate in WA, Kate Doust, and a number of the staff for the Minister for Mines, Safety, Commerce and Industrial Relations, Bill Johnston. We were able to get some commitments from WorkSafe to do more to promote safety in this area and to enforce and educate more robustly. This will not only make the industry safer but will position our offer favourably due to our technically superior equipment solutions.

On the 29th of May, we will be guest speakers at the meeting of the Master Builders Housing Council in WA. This council is composed of senior representatives of all the major WA building groups. We will present on the current levels of non-compliance in the sector and the potential risks and liabilities to builders of non-compliant chasing activities on their sites. We will also push for the banning of Quick Cut Saws for wall chasing across all the building groups. This is a step, that a couple of the major groups have already put in place. This presentation is a great opportunity to appeal to decision makers within the building groups to focus on wall-chasing safety and to promote our service as the best option for them to de-risk their business.

On the local front, chasing work is starting to pour in the door and we will have an internal meeting this week to re-commence efforts to recruit more franchisees.

On Guarda, we are almost ready to get the Edge Saw moulds made so we can manufacture the first run of this new saw. Our Sydney distributor is trying to negotiate a deal with one of their big customers for 100 FTR095 Saws.

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