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## COMMENTARY

Anna Hendry has provided the following commentary.

### Workers Compensation and Rehabilitation Act 2003

*Townsville City Council v Vatsonic Communications Pty Ltd* (2005) HCA Disp 9 B58/2024 concerned an application for special leave. See [2.220] and [2.3425].

A recent application of the principle in *Blackwood v Mahaffey* [2016] ICQ 10 appears in the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission decision of *Dodd v Workers' Compensation Regulator* [2024] QIRC 273. See [2.540].

The decision in *Foord v Workers' Compensation Regulator* [2025] QIRC 027 concerned an application for compensation arising out of a workplace death. See [WCRA.Sch2.s7].

Lisa Blumke has provided the following commentary.

### Common law

#### *Equipment*

In *Lowe v Greenmountain Food Processing Pty Ltd* [2024] QDC 204, the plaintiff alleged that he injured his finger whilst using a bandsaw to cut up meat. See [5.590].

#### *System of work*

In *Sawyer v Steeplechase Pty Ltd* [2025] QCA 2, a concreter claimed he injured himself when lifting and carrying sheets of reinforcing steel mesh to lay in a concrete foundation. See [5.630].

#### *Vicarious liability*

In *Bartlett v De Martin & Gasparini Pty Ltd* [2024] NSWSC 1172, a concreter brought a claim in negligence against a labour hire employer and a host employer, having suffered an injury to his lower back when he was jolted forward when moving a concrete hose with a co-worker. See [5.720].