



CFMEU SAFETY ALERT

STEEL REO SAFETY ALERT



The CFMEU has issued an ultimatum to Australian steel reo manufacturers.

Currently steel manufacturers are guillotining the reo to meet site specifications without any regard for the health and safety of steelfixers and other on-site workers (in particular formworkers and concreters).

They have more interest in the needs of developers than building workers:

- The steel cuts are razor sharp and are a hazard to building workers.
- The razor sharp edges are a hazard not just to the hands of steelfixers but to all workers on decks.
- Some of the reo, in particular rods Y12, have metal splinters on the rods.
- Some workers have been impaled on the rods.
- Workers have had their legs, wrists and hands slashed.
- Gloves are not an adequate solution.

We are requiring the steel manufactures to cut the steel in a different fashion and take off the razor sharp edges. Also dogmen have raised concerns in respect of the hazardous loading practices of manufacturers when the reo is delivered to the site.

OneSteel, one of the biggest suppliers of reo last year, made a profit of \$94 million. The CFMEU will make sure this monopoly, and others, put worker safety in front of mega profits or face the consequences of bans and stoppages on site.

If the reo delivered does not meet safety standards, send it back to the suppliers yard.

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