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HON. ROBIN CHAPPLE MLC

WA Greens Member Robin Chapple MLC labels Saracen mines a serious concern

Following the second incident in less than a week for the site – and only a year since WA's last workplace fatality - the Member has called for a comprehensive review of industry health and safety guidelines.

Mr Chapple has expressed his deepest sympathies for the family of the worker during this difficult time.

Member for the Mining and Pastoral Region Robin Chapple MLC has issued caution to workers at the Carosue Dam gold mine, after a worker died from an incident this week.

Mr Chapple spoke generally of the conditions required for two incidents to occur so close together as "highly unlikely", given the proper application of safety protocols.

"This is an awful wake-up call for Saracen to review its procedures this instant..."

"It simply isn't enough that these protocols are reviewed after the fact, they should be regularly reviewed to ensure best practice is consistently applied at all sites across WA"

"They claim to have had a record year of operation, I can't help but wonder how many were put at risk for those results"

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