



**Collieries'
Staff and Officials
Association**

Staff at the Coalface

CSOA Assists Austar Members

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The Association with our specialist lawyer met with Austar members on Wednesday last week to provide further advice on what Staff and Deputies can now expect in the upcoming weeks and months of investigations. Importantly we briefed members on the key issues that need to be resolved, and protections that need to be in place, before they participate in any internal Company investigations.

On behalf of our members, the CSOA is in discussions with Austar about securing these essential protections and resolving issues.

This is a stressful time for members, and the Austar members have said that they appreciate CSOA's support at this time. Safety incidents and investigations occur too often in the mining industry, and it is important that all Staff are protected and have access to union support. To be eligible for assistance, Staff must be a financial member at the time of the incident.

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