



Statement

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### **Cedar Meats 2019 Work Place Incident Concludes**

A workplace incident that took place in Cedar Meats' Geelong Road, Brooklyn processing plant concluded today. The incident took place in 2019 when one of our employees caught her hand in a conveyor – the incident resulted in a significant injury to our employee's hand.

The conveyor was guarded, however, this proved to be inadequate. "We pleaded guilty to this early on and while this is our first prosecution since Cedar Meats commenced operations in 1984, it is one too many," General Manager, Tony Kairouz said.

"We immediately rectified the guarding and I appointed a specialist conveyor safety consultant to review our conveyors the week after the incident, so as to understand how we could improve their operational safety. As a result, we have made all the necessary changes to all of our conveyors to ensure their safe operation.

"The health and safety of our staff has always been our number one priority and I am proud of our occupational health and safety and workplace safety record – it speaks for itself. We are a family business and all of our staff are treated as family."

"We will continue to support our staff member in any way we can." Tony said.

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