



Protesting wharfies make their feelings known at Cosco House in Sussex St yesterday. Picture: John Grainger

Daughters march in name of father

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THEIR father was killed working on a wharf, and yesterday Georgia and Taylor Fitzgibbon joined hundreds of his colleagues to demand shipping companies sign up to a code of practice for stevedores.

Greg Fitzgibbon, 56, died when a 20 tonne pallet of ingots fell on him at Shipping Australia's Newcastle dock.

Georgia Fitzgibbon told the 300-strong protest outside Shipping Australia's Sydney headquarters that

the industry owed it to wharfies to sign the code of practice.

"We shouldn't have to suffer for the rest of our lives just because they couldn't spend a couple of million dollars bringing a safer workforce in," she said.

Ms Fitzgibbon said that as she and her sister laid a wreath, someone in Shipping Australia's office "smiled directly to my face".

Shipping Australia CEO Llew Russell said he supported a code of practice but: "Management must be solely responsible and accountable for the high levels of safety that ship owners expect."



Taylor Fitzgibbon.