



SAFETY ALERT



INCIDENT Damage to Overhead Service - Light vehicle reversed into a power pole.

SUBJECT WAVERLEY WIND FARM (WWF) SERVICE STRIKE

INCIDENT DATE 07/10/2019

BUSINESS UNIT Higgins Construction

WHAT HAPPENED?

A Hiace Van used to transport workers to the transport route currently under construction at the Waverley Wind Farm (WWF), struck a power pole when reversing. The overhead 240v single phase powerlines supplies power to a water tank pump next to a 20,000 litre water tank and an electric fence unit.

Another light vehicle was entering the farm gate to access the paddock. 3x LV's were already parked in the paddock. The driver of the van reversed to allow another LV to enter the paddock. The driver of the van reversed about 4m. The van struck the power pole just off the left center of the vehicle, causing one of the overhead powerlines to fall over the van. The van had three occupants. The driver and occupants stayed within the vehicle until Downers linesman confirmed it was safe to exit the vehicle.



The two green cones were in place on the road reserve. The flag is shown in the photograph, at this moment on a 50-degree angle due to windy conditions. It stands up and moves about in the wind. There are 2x green cones on the right-hand side of the roadway.

The incident occurred outside the project construction area. Higgins staff were not aware of any landowner arrangement to use the land.

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Plant operator contractor Burgess and Crowley, Civil construction subcontractor owns and operates the van.

WHAT ACTION HAS TAKEN PLACE ALREADY?

The project was shut down and all works stopped.

Incident reported.

Investigation commenced.

Drug & alcohol testing complete, negative result.

All workers & subcontractors have been re-inducted during a site reset 08/10/19

No further parking is permitted in this location.

All JSEA's have been rewritten and issued to the crews.

IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR ALL OF US (pre-investigation)

Identify hazards and delineate with suitable protection. The higher the risk, the more robust the barrier.

People are not permitted to enter private land without Instruction from Higgins.

Access agreements with land owners must be in place.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT

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