

## SAFETY ALERT

## Potential Class 1 - Backhoe Tipover

Bayswater Level Crossing Removal Project (Melbourne)

On the 13th of October 2016 a backhoe was backfilling a common services trench. Whilst emptying and spreading a bucket of crushed rock into the trench the front left wheel slipped into the shallow trench, with the machine subsequently losing stability and tipping onto its left side within the trench. The operator was able to get out from the cabin uninjured. A worker within the trench area (not in immediate vicinity) also exited the area uninjured.

The incident scene was immediately secured and initial investigations commenced.



## Considerations:

Investigations are ongoing and the following priority actions are taking place to ensure mobile plant critical controls are being effectively implemented:

- Review of project plant selection and use processes and criteria.
- Review of task SWMS and methodology in relation to the identification and use of suitable plant for civil works involving excavation, trenching and backfilling

Review of controls in relation to physical protection in and around excavations and trenches

Let's all get home safely, every day.

