

**TITLE/SUBJECT:**

Motor Vehicle Collision – on Corridor Access Road

**Type:** Serious incident

**LOCATION**

Corridor Access Road (Barton to Mungala Section 672.800km), South Australia

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION**

On 17/08/2021 at 14:30 hours -two ARTC vehicles collided resulting in an injury to an ARTC worker.

The incident involved a Landcruiser HiRail and Truck that were travelling on an unsealed corridor road access. One occupant of the HiRail vehicle sustained 3 broken ribs and a punctured lung. The worker required treatment as an outpatient in hospital. The occupants travelling in the ARTC truck sustained no injuries. Both vehicles were extensively damaged as indicated in the photos.



Initial Investigation identified that:

- The two vehicles collided near a narrow bend
- A window\* prevented the truck from taking evasive action to avoid the collision.

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It is confirmed that; fatigue, drugs or alcohol did not contribute to this incident. Telematics data will be reviewed to identify if speed was a contributing factor.



\*Windrows in this environment are a result of continual grading of the road surface over time. are

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## This Incident serves as a reminder of our Fatal and Sever Risk # 1 Vehicle Accidents

### ACTION REQUIRED

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Ensure the following:

- Pework Briefs must include the local hazards of travelling on corridor access roads.
- Supervisors/Team Leaders need to validate that controls identified in Pework Briefs have been implemented.
- Arrangements for communication is required when travelling on corridor access roads.
- Drivers are reminded to slow down, stay left and drive to the conditions, **don't assume no one else is on the road.**
- Increase visibility by fitting vehicles with sand flags and activating the vehicles beacon when travelling on corridor access roads.
- Drivers are to be situationally aware for 'members of the public' may not be aware of the dangers when travelling on corridor access roads without authority. This is especially hazardous when heavy plant and equipment is required to use these roads.

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