

**TITLE/SUBJECT:**

Inland Rail: N2NS SP1 – Trailer Rollover

Type: Serious near miss**LOCATION**

Inland Rail Narrabri to North Star – SP1 (N2NS – SP1), Chainage 588km at Edgeroi gate 6 south

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

On Wednesday 7th September at 09:30am, a contractor driver was operating a truck and dog trailer, delivering its second load of capping material to 588km at Edgeroi gate 6 south.

During tipping, the driver disengaged the tailgate lock and activated the trailer Power Take Off (PTO) and hoist raise levers. At this time the grader operator spreading the material was talking to the supervisor who requested that the load be taken further along the formation.

The grader operator confirmed with the truck driver if this was ok, and the driver confirmed. The driver asked if the tailgate locks were down, and the grader operator confirmed. After locking the tailgate, the grader operator confirmed that the locks on the tailgate were engaged.

The truck driver proceeded to move off and the grader operator observed this and proceeded to turn his grader around and continue spreading the material back to where they had previously tipped.

As the truck continued forward, the trailer hoist, still engaged, raised the still loaded trailer. Gravel commenced pouring over the top of the tailgate and the trailer has tipped, falling off the formation and landing on its side. The sudden jolting of the truck and the crash of the trailer as it hit the ground alerted the driver to the incident.

The area was a designated truck delivery zone with no other activities or workers in the vicinity. There were no injuries from this incident.

Immediate Actions:

- All works ceased, site welfare check completed, incident scene established and incident notifications made
- Truck driver drug and alcohol tested, returning negative results
- Incident notified to Comcare
- Incident investigation commenced

Approved by: Mark Blackmore, Safety Manager Delivery

Applicability: All ARTC staff

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Trailer rollover scene

ACTION REQUIRED

1. This incident serves as a reminder for everyone to be aware of the [ARTC Fatal and Severe Risk #5 Struck by Mobile Plant](#) and the lifesaving behaviour, I will always stay clear of mobile plant exclusion zones unless I have been authorised to enter.
2. Share this HSE Flash Alert with your team to ensure that the contents are discussed/explained to your staff.
3. If working with Contractors, ensure they are made aware of this HSE Flash Alert.
4. Ensure a method of sign-off is obtained (e.g. via toolbox/safety meetings/morning pre-start/briefings, etc;) to verify that the HSE Flash Alert has been distributed and discussed.
5. If you have any safety concerns with this HSE Flash Alert, please speak directly to your supervisor.

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