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Roller Down Bank



Recovery Team Working on the Roller

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What happened?

MVA - A transporter operator sustained minor injury while delivering a roller to site because the roller slid down the side of a bank into a creek.

The ideal parking space (bus stop hardstand), was occupied with parents retrieving their children from school. The driver made the decision to unload the roller at the widest part of the road, and park it half on the road and with the other half on the soft waterlogged berm.

The operator took off his seatbelt and proceeded to exit the roller. At this point the roller began to vibrate and move sideways towards the edge of the bank. The operator ceased his exit and did his best to prevent the roller tipping and adjusted it to face the 12m bank. The roller nosed down and stopped safely by the creek bank. The driver sustained minor injuries from the sudden stop of the roller. He was thrown from the vehicle but was fortunate to land safely and proceed to find help and to contact his manager – he returned to active duty later that day.

This incident falls under the DNZ Critical Risk – Working with Mobile Plant – scenario2 – loss of control over mobile plant.

Why did it happen?

- Lack of Communication to transporter driver regarding school bus times or a “Plan B” if needed.
- Lack of pre-planning - around timing of dropping off roller and school bus using the only available parking space
- No risk assessment of area prior to parking roller – condition of berm

Actions required

- Communicate message regarding thorough Site Risk Assessment on all sites prior to starting work.
- Further development of Lone Worker Procedure
- Hazard Awareness must be ongoing and re-assessed if conditions change – Unsure – STOP and seek advice
- Toolbox to be delivered site wide to all departments to enforce the “Potential” of incidents with moving machinery

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Discuss at next available pre-start meeting / post on notice boards (valid for 3 months)