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Driver hurt in Northland quarry crash

Cameron Massey - Fri, 09 Mar 2018

A contractor was air-lifted to Auckland hospital after the Moxy he was driving rolled down a hill and into a bank at a Northland quarry this week.



Emergency services were called to Parker Lime Co in Kaiwaka on Monday evening.

Wellsford Fire Service chief fire officer John Bowmar believes mechanical failure caused the 30-tonne Moxy to careen about 150 metres down a hill into a drain.

"Of course, when he went over the drain the back tipped over on its side, but the front went through at a bit of an angle and yeah, he was compressed."

He told *Inside Resources* the subcontractor had serious lower lumbar injuries.

Bowmar said the drain was almost 2 metres deep and about 1.5 metres wide. The drain was filled in by a digger to get the man out without doing him any more harm.

Because of the thick steel of the Moxy, Bowmar says the crew unbolted the door to get the man out.

"We got the rescue helicopter and he was taken to Auckland hospital."

Condition

Bowmar said the man, who he thought was in his 30s, was an outside contractor onsite to do stripping work at the quarry. He understands the man is recovering well.

MinEx chief executive Wayne Scott says it is always disappointing to hear of an incident in the extractives sector.

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"We don't have all the facts at our disposal, so I will be trying to contact the company to see if we can offer any assistance."

A WorkSafe spokesperson says the agency was notified of an incident at Parker Lime earlier this week in which a truck rolled. WorkSafe will not be investigating the matter.

Police are investigating the crash.

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