

Safety Alert

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Let's work together to keep ourselves and our workers safe.

Near miss collision between heavy vehicles

A grader started its shift grading the road travelling towards the pit. A haul truck was travelling in the same direction and approached the grader from the rear.

Due to the dust at the time the truck driver did not see the grader slow down to commence grading. The driver misjudged the distance to the grader and the speed it was going, and almost collided with it. When it became clear that a collision was imminent the truck driver took evasive action and skidded to a halt, making contact with the windrow.



[MinEx statistics](#) on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the past 6 years show 30% of incidents (1,841 incidents) involve vehicles of which 900 result from collision of vehicles.

You need to ensure that:

1. Traffic management plans provide for all vehicles using haul roads, including road maintenance.
2. Dust generated from vehicle movements is managed through application of water or other controls.
3. Effective and positive communication is used between vehicles travelling on haul roads to ensure all road users are aware of vehicles on haul roads.

Know of an incident or near miss? Please share the learnings with us.