



# FIRST ALERT

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## Trailer Incident – Woodville Substation – Foot injury

### EVENT



Re-enactment of how the injured employee's foot was trapped



The trailer and load



Bruising to the employees foot

At approximately 2.30pm on 7 June two employees were attempting to detach a trailer from a Ute at the Woodville substation.

They were parked on the substation metal, and the trailer was sitting at a slightly higher level than the Ute. The trailer was loaded with oil (weighing approximately 2 tonnes).

The employees were unable to deploy the jockey wheel as the trailer was too low to the ground. An employee decided to use the Ute jack to assist with the detachment and placed it underneath the drawbar of the trailer. A second employee was holding the locking latch up while this was done.

As the tow-ball detached from the Ute the load on it shifted sideways and caused the trailer to drop. As it fell, the drawbar came down on to the second employee's foot, trapping it, striking just behind the steel-cap (partially on the back of the steel-cap). Employees on site assisted the injured employee, using various tools to lever and remove the trailer from the employee's foot.

### IMMEDIATE ACTIONS

- Employees on site assisted the injured employee with lifting the trailer off his foot.
- The injured employee attended at a medical centre with bruising and swelling to his foot. X-rays were undertaken (these ruled out any bone damage) and he was assigned to light duties for one week.
- An investigation is underway.



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