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**Bulletin
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Incident:

- A hired elevated work platform fell on its side while being utilised in rough terrain.
- Line worker in the bucket rode it to the ground from an elevation of approximately 8 metres.
- Thankfully only minor injuries incurred.

Task being completed:

Conductor clip in after pole replacement

Details:

Unit was levelled at the rear with stabilisers on an 8° slide slope. It was not capable of being levelled front to rear and toppled at only 30° slew and less than half its safe working load.

Root Cause:

Plant not compliant with relevant Australian Standards was hired and used. In this case an identical unit failed a stability test and was found to be non-compliant with AS1418-10 (1996).

What has been done to prevent the incident from happening again?

A risk assessment to be conducted for all plant to ensure compliance with standards and fit for purpose.