

## Accident-Incident Advice

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### ESAA 46/2002

<b>Date of Accident/Incident:</b>	28 September 2002
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#### Notice

An excavator boom made contact with 110 kV transmission power lines.

#### Description

A property owner was unloading an excavator from a trailer under a transmission line. When manoeuvring the excavator the boom was raised to assist unloading and the boom encroached the safe limits of approach and a flash over occurred.

Minor damage was sustained to one phase conductor.

Note: The use of the excavator was not for any transmission easement management activity.

#### Extent of Injury

No injury was sustained to the plant operator.

#### Action Taken

Inspection of the transmission line was undertaken to assess extent of damage.

#### Comments

The incident is second of this type in a little over three months concerning Transend assets. The incident again highlights the need for ongoing public safety awareness campaigns, whilst working in the vicinity of overhead power lines.

#### More Information

Can be obtained by contacting Chris Scott 03 6278 6188 or 0418 389 060.