

## Accident - Incident Advice

**ESAA 32/2002**

<b>Date of Accident/Incident:</b>	16 June 2002
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### Notice

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

### Description

A property owner was clearing vegetation from a creek under a transmission line. When reversing out of the creek and on reaching the top of the creek bank, the boom of the excavator made contact with the live conductors.

Two conductors were broken and a third damaged.

Note : The clearing of vegetation from the creek was undertaken by the local property owner and not as a part of transmission easement management clearing.

### Extent of Injury.

No injury was sustained to the plant operator.

### Action Taken

The transmission line was isolated and repairs made. An investigation is in progress.

### Comments

The incident is a reminder of the need for ongoing public safety awareness campaigns, whilst working in the vicinity of power overhead lines.

### More Information

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