

# Alert

Health Safety Environment

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## What happened?



Figure 1. Downer contracted truck inside TMP



Figure 2. Public truck

On Saturday 24 February, a Downer team was engaged in vegetation control for trees lining Colyton Road, Ashhurst. At 0900, while the team were setting up the Hiab in the conned off lane, a member of public driving a heavy truck drove through the worksite **approximately** twice the speed limit of 30km/hr, impacting the cones and the outrigger of the unloaded crane truck.

## What did we learn?

- The risk controls of the Traffic Management plan are compliant with NZ legislation, which were in place on the day.
- It is a requirement of the TMP to have a 1m Safety Zone in place. Where there are required adjustments to the TMP, we must ensure that all possible risk controls have been considered, and that the additional risk is controlled appropriately.
  - **Where the 1m safety zone is compromised it is now a Downer Requirement to stop traffic at both ends to eliminate the risk of uncontrolled drivers.**
  - **The additional risk is to be identified and mitigated by Downer crew and documented on the Crew Briefing plan.**
- Where roads are narrow and traffic are not obeying the traffic management requirements, consider if the job can be done a different way (e.g. from the paddock if possible), or stop traffic movement altogether while working near the live lane.



**Stand  
in the  
gap**

How could this happen on your job?

What can you do to prevent it happening again?

How can you 'Stand in the Gap'?

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### Useful Resources

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