

Lessons Learnt – LL063

Felled Tree Brushed Conductor

This Alert is applicable to:

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Date of issue: 21/03/16

Incident	Description
<i>Date incident happened</i>	31 January 2016
<i>Where it happened</i>	Rotoehu (Northeast of Lake Rotorua) ARI-EDG-A Structure
<i>What happened</i> 	Scope of work on the day was to remove safety slings which had been put on by another Service Provider some time ago. These slings prevent the trees from swaying around too much in high winds. This scope changed on the morning of the 31st January when the Forestry Manager on site asked the NP Supervisor if the trees could be felled because he had his logging trucks/crew on site. While waiting for the digger to reposition a decision was made to remove the one tree that needed to be felled before the crew could set up the block for felling.
<i>Why it happened</i> 	Lack of planning overall and because the scope of work changed there were added pressures resulting in procedures not being followed. There was no: • Safety Observer appointed • Measurements taken • Reassessment after the scope changed • Push back when under pressure to complete the job
<i>What would we do differently?</i>	• Take 5 and reassess the work especially if the scope changes • Follow procedure and work through the Checksheat to ensure all risks are covered and adequate controls are in place • When the pressure is on step back and revisit the Hazard ID and push back if necessary
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