

CONTRACTOR SAFETY ALERT



Following Safe Work Procedures

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Background

On 10 August, an experienced Machine Harvester Operator has grabbed a log with the harvester head to debark and cut into log products, when the head has slipped off the butt swinging the head and impacting the front window cracking the windscreen.

The operator moved the machine to a closer position to grab the butt end, in doing so has inadvertently positioned the machine at an angle >90 degrees. This was non-compliant with the Safe Work Procedure.

The Safe Work Procedure requires felled trees to be grabbed at the butt end and slewed at 90 degrees across the front of the harvester and then processed. Grabs occasionally slip off the butt, however if at 90 degrees, it swings sideways away from the cab.

Key points

- Operators must follow Safe Work Procedures at all times.
- The machine was immediately stood down pending repair.