

# SAFETY ALERT



## Driving to the Road Conditions

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### Background

The FPC had a recent contractor light vehicle incident where the driver was travelling on an unsealed road and following another vehicle too closely. Due to primarily dust and early morning haze, visibility was poor, and the driver of the light vehicle has not seen an approaching corner, braked heavily when identified, and the vehicle has skidded off the road, pulling up just before a tree.

Fortunately, the driver was uninjured and only minor damage to the vehicle.

### Control Measures

Assess the hazards

- Don't drive too close behind other vehicles on unsealed roads, especially when travelling in convoy.
- Improve your visibility, allow dust to settle or conditions to improve, and always drive to those conditions.
- Ensure your speed is appropriate for the conditions of an unsealed road.