

CONTRACTOR SAFETY ALERT



Truck trailer rollover

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Background

On 30th November, around 7.05am, a loaded FPC contractor's truck carting infield chip suffered a rear trailer rollover.

The driver fortunately, sustained no injuries.

Key Points

- Camber of Road – the location of the incident on Austin Road has a steep camber on the left hand side into the drain, when driving towards Brockman Highway.
- The roadway at the incident site had no guideposts to delineate the steep camber on the left-hand side into the drain. Guideposts have now been installed.
- The section of road around the incident site is signposted 40km/hr, GPS data indicated overspeed prior to the incident.
- Driver inexperience was a contributing factor, having only 6 weeks experience driving in the forest industry.
- The truck did not have a “Guardian” monitoring system and forward-facing dashcam footage was unavailable.

As communicated in FPC's Safety Alert 51 from 16th November, improved vehicle technologies, driver training and fatigue management should be at the forefront of all contractor principals and drivers' minds ensuring everyone returns home safely at the end of each working day.