

# SAFETY ALERT

## Electronic ring feeder release system



**On Tuesday 21st January, a self loading log truck became detached from it's trailer on SH30.**

- Inspection of the ring feeder and tow eye found them both in good working condition.
- During the investigation it was revealed that the truck was fitted with an electronic ring feeder release system, operated from the cab of the crane.
- This system had been installed with a simple switch.
- During the journey a recently installed RT had become dislodged and has struck the switch, thus releasing the ring feeder.

### Key Learnings

- Any electronic release system for a ring feeder – must have safety redundancy incorporated.
  - It is recommended that a two-step switch is installed and that the switch is only enabled when the PTO is engaged.
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