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Training of crane operators in dogging work

•Noting that the training packages for most crane licences have recently changed to include competencies related to dogging, how well do the current arrangements for dogging of crane loads work and why? Are they improving or likely to improve safety outcomes?

oI suggest given the high volume of work and infrastructure development being completed in proximity to existing OH services, there needs to be a high level of focus in the training related to planning and preparing for site access and understanding the requirements associated with electrical exclusion zones and working in accordance with the CoP for working near OH Powerlines.

•How much of an impact has this had on you, your workplace, or your work?

oWe are seeing an increasing trend of OH powerline incidents particularly with concrete pumping trucks and vehicle loading cranes (including relatively recent fatalities)

oApart from the horrendous injuries and family impacts, there are large commercial, and reliability impacts when these incidents occur that have flow on effects to many stakeholders

•How will this change as technology, work practices, and environments evolve?

oLeveraging online tools such as Google earth, video and mobile technology and purpose designed applications such as 'Lookupandlive.com', there are options for easy cost-effective safety improvement

oAs construction continues to boom, the rate of incidents will increase as commercial pressure builds and companies try and cut costs and drive efficiency