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A colleague shared an article from the CCF (<https://ccfwa.com.au/news/12689540>) which reports excavator operators will require to obtain a 'crane' HRWL.

Having read DMIRS key changes to licencing and registrations (<https://www.dmirs.wa.gov.au/safety-regulation/work-health-and-safety-laws/notifications-registrations-and-licensing-under-whs-0>) and viewed the webinar introducing the WHS changes (<https://www.dmirs.wa.gov.au/safety-regulation/work-health-and-safety-laws/notifications-registrations-and-licensing-under-whs-0>) there doesn't seem to be mention of this new CRANE HRWL requirement so we are seeking clarification please.

Our business conducts horizontal boring/drilling for the installation of underground services and as such we operate 1.5t – 3t excavators for digging entry/exit pits and at times, we also use the excavators to haul cable.

Under the current WHS proposal definition this is moving a load horizontally which requires a crane HRWL however to have to obtain a CN HRWL seems excessive to operate a 1.5t excavator which is heavily utilised in the building and civil construction industries?

Perhaps there needs to be more definition for excavators if they are to be included with the new HRWL regarding the size and type of works conducted by excavators IF they are classified the same as a crane ?