



SAFETY ALERT

DRIVING

April 2015



Serious Accident 1



Serious Accident 2

What happened?

Serious Accident 1:

Log truck driver moved over to the left side of a narrow section of the road, the Ute pulled over to allow the truck to pass but the road edge collapsed and the trailer rolled and pulled the truck off the road.

Serious Accident 2:

An empty log truck heard on the RT that a loaded log truck was approaching, the empty continued onto the next pull over area but met the loaded on a blind corner and the empty pulled over to far left and rolled over.

Bush Rule

Where possible and practicable, Give WAY to loaded trucks (especially when they are travelling up or down hill)

Solution/Controls

Pull over:

- Pull over well before you meet the oncoming truck
- Pull over on the wider section of road or on the trusted pull over areas – not on unconsolidated fill
- Listen for other trucks and vehicles that may be following
- Continue on once it is all clear to do so

Radio Use:

- Keep radio message brief and to the point
- Accurately relay your exact road location (not before or after)
- Keep monitoring your radio

Remember!!!

1. Don't drive to or rely on the radio (some road users may not have a radio installed)
2. Reduce your speed to suit road/weather conditions and pay particular attention at peak operating times
3. Keep as far left as much as practicable when driving
4. Drive at a speed which allows the vehicle to be stopped within half the length of clear road that can be seen

Driving Related Accident/Incidents (last 6 months)

<u>Dates</u>	<u>What happened</u>	<u>Cause?</u>
27/2/15	Loaded truck travelling up hill had to stop for 3 oncoming Utes	Utes not using and monitoring radio Utes should have pulled over sooner
25/2/15	Loaded met oncoming Ute, truck moved over trailer slipped off the road	Ute not using and monitoring radio Utes should have pulled over sooner
23/2/15	Ute travelling too fast downhill and hit another Ute head on	Driving too fast
19/2/15	Loaded swerved into water table to miss Ute in the middle of the road	Ute not using and monitoring radio
10/2/15	Loaded crossed center line going around a corner	Driving too fast
9/1/15	Empty met loaded on a corner, empty pulled over too far and rolled over	Empty should have pulled over sooner
3/2/15	Driver looking at CTI and truck and trailer ran into the water table	Took his eyes off the road
22/1/15	Metal truck driver took evasive action to avoid colliding with a stock truck	Do not rely on the radio Expect the unexpected
21/1/15	Logging truck clipped a tractor when overtaking	Poor judgment and timing
19/1/15	Car travelling at speed, lost control on a corner and drove into trailer	Expect the unexpected
20/11/14	Ute almost collides with an empty, empty log truck cutting the corner	Empty cutting corners
10/11/14	Loaded took corner too fast, truck and trailer over the bank	Driving too fast
5/11/14	Crew vehicle lost control on a S bend and drove off the road	Driving too fast
3/11/14	Log truck braked and stopped, oncoming Ute braked and slid into truck	Ute driving too fast
20/10/14	Log truck driver reached over to grab his sandwich and drove off the road	Took his eyes off the road
16/10/14	Ute swerved to avoid colliding with fuel taker	Do not rely on the radio Expect the unexpected
16/10/14	Ute pulled out in front of log truck, evasive action taken to avoid accident	Poor judgment and timing Expect the unexpected

Everyone goes home safely at the end of the day!