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## Rodney Elwyn MADDOX

### Findings and Recommendations

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The *Coal Mining Act 1925 - 1981*

Findings and recommendations of reviewers and mining warden following an inquiry into fatal injuries received by Rodney Elwyn Maddox at Oakleigh number three colliery, Rosewood on 19 november 1990 warden's court of Quensland brisbane 20 march 1991

Before: F W WINDRIDGE esquire Warden

#### Reviewers:

- MR S J CURRIE
- MR T L HEMLEY
- MR M T POCOCK
- PROFESSOR D ROWLANDS

#### To assist:

MR R BANCROFT, inspector of mines

#### Appearances:

- MR W ALLISON, United Mine Workers' Federation
- MR W WILSON, registered mine manager

**Witnesses examined:** refer transcript and [schedule "a"](#)

**Exhibits tendered:** refer transcript and [schedule "b"](#)

**Findings:** refer transcript and [schedule "c"](#)

**Recommendations:** refer transcript and [schedule "d"](#)

**Report of mining warden:** refer transcript and [schedule "e"](#)

#### Schedule "A" Witnesses examined:

- Robert Allan BUSHMAN
- John William BALLIN
- Raymond William RULE
- Wayne Steven WILSON
- Roger BANCROFT

**Schedule "B" List of Exhibits**

No of Exhibit	Nature of Exhibit
1	Report by Senior Inspector of Mines - Mr R Bancroft
2	Report by Principal Mechanic Inspector of Coal Mines
3	Geological Investigations Report - Mr D Coffey
4	Geo-Technical Report - Dr I Gray
5	Large Scale Plan of Oakleigh Colliery
6	Large Scale Plan of Accident Site Area
7	The Site prior to Accident
8	Plan of Accident Site
9	Cross-section of Accident Site
10	Roof Support under Colliery
11	Sequence Plan of Pillar Section Area
12	Senior Inspector of Mines Record Book Entries
13	Statement - Bushman
14	Post Mortem Certificate
15	Police Report
16	Photographs
17	Statement - Ballin
18	Statement - Rule

**Schedule "C" Findings:**

We find:

Name of deceased: Rodney Elwyn Maddox

Date of death: 19 november 1990

Place of death: Oakleigh number three colliery, Rosewood

**Cause of death:**

(a) Respiratory and cardiac arrest

Compression injury to chest

**Cause of accident:**

A large sandstone slab pinned Maddox against the continuous miner.

**Nature of accident:**

At about 10.00 am on 19 november 1990, miner Rodney Elwyn Maddox was operating a Lee Norse 38H continuous miner, extracting pillars in the Glenco section of the mine. A number of shuttle cars had been filled when Ray Rule, the section deputy, indicated to Maddox that he should switch off and listen. At this moment there was an immediate and substantial roof collapse and several large slabs of sandstone roof pinned Maddox against the machine which he had been attempting to leave at the time.

**Schedule "D" Recommendations:**

The recommendations of the reviewers are as follows:

It is strongly recommended that extraction should be designed to develop a straight and continuous goaf line.

Pillar extraction systems should be subject to continuous review.

The use of breaker line supports be encouraged.

**Schedule "E" Report of the Warden:**

I concur with the findings of the reviewers as to the nature and cause of the accident.

The inquiry is closed.

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