

Death of mining contractor shakes Bowen Basin community



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THE BOWEN Basin mining community has been left devastated by the death of Ian Hansen, a mining contractor killed at Glencore's Newlands coal mine yesterday.

The 55-year-old UGL contract worker from Mt Pelion, near Calen, is believed to have been killed when a piece of steel fell and struck him.

CFMEU Mackay district president Stephen Smyth said the entire mining community was "very shaken", particularly as Mr Hansen was well-known, having worked at a number of Bowen Basin mines.

"It's very upsetting. While the mining industry is large in distance, it's small in the number of people. He'd worked in a number of other mines," Mr Smyth said.

A UGL Ltd spokeswoman extended its deepest sympathies to the family, friends and work colleagues of Mr Hansen.

"UGL's deepest sympathy goes out to the family, friends and work colleagues... and our thoughts are with them during this very sad time," she said.

UGL was working with all relevant authorities to understand the cause of this tragic incident, she said.

Investigations into the incident are on-going.



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