

## Queensland mine shut down after grader driver dies in underground collision

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**A 47-year-old grader driver has died following an underground collision at Anglo American's Moranbah North mine in central Queensland.**

Anglo American confirmed that longtime mine employee Bradley Hardwick was killed in the crash.

The miner said he had worked for the firm for 17 years, including 10 years at Moranbah North.

"Bradley was a valued and respected member of the Moranbah North team and he will be sadly missed. Bradley's colleagues knew him as devoted family man and someone who was always willing to help others," the company said.

Anglo's executive head of underground operations, Glen Britton, said the mine would remain in shutdown until operations could be safely resumed.

"Our thoughts and sympathies are with Bradley's family at this very difficult time," he said.

"Our focus is currently on supporting Bradley's family and our colleagues.

We spent today talking to our employees about the incident and there is a great deal of shock and sadness.

"The Queensland Mines Inspectorate investigation is underway and the mine remains in shutdown until operations can be safely resumed."

Ten other workers who were in the personnel carrier that collided with the grader were injured.

Paramedics were called to the incident at the mine, south-west of Mackay, just before 4:00pm AEST on Wednesday.



**PHOTO:** Bradley Hardwick, 47, had worked for Anglo American for 17 years. (Facebook)

### Key points:

- Mine operator Anglo American says grader driver Bradley Hardwick was taken to hospital, but later died
- Most of the injured workers have reported neck, back and shoulder pain and suspected spinal injuries
- The company says the cause of the incident is not clear and it will carry out a full investigation



**PHOTO:** A helicopter lands at Mackay hospital with two people who were injured in the mine accident. (ABC News: Angel Parsons)

In a statement issued shortly after the incident, Anglo said the collision occurred "in the access drift close to the surface of the mine".

"The driver of the grader received immediate treatment on site and was then transported by ambulance to hospital, but has tragically passed away.

"The 10 employees who were in the other vehicle immediately received medical treatment on site for injuries and subsequently two people have been transported by helicopter to Mackay and two people to Rockhampton for further treatment.

"The other six people were assessed on site but needed no further treatment."

Most of the injured workers reported neck, back and shoulder pain and suspected spinal injuries.

The Mackay Base Hospital has since discharged two men aged 51 and 52.

One of the two men taken to Rockhampton Hospital has been discharged, the other remains in a stable condition.

The Moranbah North mine began operating in 1998 and employs more than 600 people.

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