

Cause of death details emerge, days after 54-year-old man killed at central Queensland mine site

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Investigations are continuing at the Coronado Curragh Mine near Blackwater in central Queensland after a worker died there on the weekend. (ABC News: Jemima Burt)

Possible communication issues between staff are being investigated following the [death of a Central Queensland mine worker](#) at the weekend.

[Clark Peadon](#) from The Caves, north of Rockhampton, died at the Curragh coal mine north of Blackwater early Sunday morning.

Resources Safety and Health Queensland has now issued a safety alert outlining what happened, key issues that may be looked at in the investigation and safety recommendations.

The regulator's Coal Inspectorate said in the alert that at the time of the incident, Mr Peadon, 54, was doing cable relocation work on the ground, but within the operational swing boundaries of the rotating dragline.

"Preliminary investigations suggest that the worker undertook work using the cable tractor whilst the dragline was stationary," the alert stated.

Key points:

- A safety alert said at the time of the incident, Clark Peadon was doing cable relocation work on the ground
- Preliminary investigations suggest a dragline became operational while Mr Peadon was using it
- The investigation is ongoing, with several key issues in the alert to be looked at

"But that the worker [then] either re-entered or remained in the operational swing boundary when the dragline became operational."

The alert said Mr Peadon was then struck by the dragline propel shoe, resulting in the fatal injuries.



Clark Peadon died while working at the Curragh coal mine early Sunday morning. *(Supplied: Coronado Global Resources)*

It said the key issues to be looked at would include that a coal mine worker had 'been exposed to a hazard' while working within operational boundaries of moving equipment.

"The investigation will [also] consider issues such as communication between machine operators and persons on the ground, and verification of work practices" it read.

The incident is still under investigation, but the alert said it was a "timely reminder" that mine personnel should ensure "effective controls are in place" to manage risks when moving equipment such as draglines.

Work to recommence

Coronado Global Resources informed the ASX today in a statement that it has begun planning for a "gradual and phased" recommencement of operations over the coming days.

"Some employees have returned to work," a spokesperson said.

"Prior to the commencement of any activity, risk assessments must be completed and in consideration of each employee's mental health, coal mine workers will be required to participate in a safe return to work session facilitated by their leader."

Coronado Global Resources said Resources Safety and Health Queensland Inspectors (RSHQ) are continuing their investigation.

"The RSHQ Inspectorate has issued directives to isolate the accident site and to suspend all operations of draglines at Curragh until it is satisfied that these activities can recommence safely," Coronado Global Resources said.

Queensland Police are no longer on site.

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