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Carborough Downs Mine hearing into death of Brad Duxbury delayed

A ruling into the death of Central Queensland mine worker Brad Duxbury has been delayed. Here's why.



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Lawyers for the senior executives charged after a father was crushed to death at a Central Queensland mine have attempted to quash charges on a technicality.

Specialist workplace health and safety prosecutor Aaron Guilfoyle initially brought the action against two of Carborough Downs Mine's senior executives Russel Clive Uhr and Jeremy David Futeran, and the mine operator for the death of Brad Duxbury.

They are charged with failing to discharge health and safety obligations.



Brad Duxbury was killed at Carborough Downs mine site on November 25, 2019.

Mr Duxbury, a 57-year-old underground electrician, was crushed to death from falling coal while fixing machinery at Carborough Downs mine, about 20km east of Moranbah, on November 25, 2019.

The hearing for the matters began on December 9 in Mackay Magistrates Court where Mr Uhr's barrister Christopher Murdoch and Mr Futeran's barrister Peter Roney brought an application to dismiss the matter on the argument the complaint was invalid.

Mr Murdoch began his submissions alleging Mr Guilfoyle's staffer had lodged the original complaint in Mackay Magistrates Court rather than the Industrial Magistrates Court.

The pair argued this meant the complaint was invalid because it was not brought into a court with the jurisdiction to hear the matter resulting in a contest of legislative interpretation between them and Work Health and Safety's barrister Glen Rice.

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Acting Magistrate Athol Kennedy adjourned the matter for lawyers to make further written submissions. The case was listed for January 17.