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Missing mine workers Dylan Langridge and Trevor Davis confirmed dead after incident at Dugald River mine

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 Dylan Langridge (left) and Trevor Davis have been found dead. (Facebook)
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Two miners reported missing at Dugald River mine site have been confirmed dead.

Dylan Langridge and Trevor Davis were operating a light utility vehicle near a stope – a large, cavernous space where ore is extracted – when the ground gave way, causing the men to plummet into a void, on Wednesday morning.

Perenti managing director and chief executive Mark Norwell said, "This is a devastating outcome and I want to extend my deepest sympathies and condolences to the families, friends, colleagues and loved ones of Trevor and Dylan, both of whom should have come home safely from work yesterday."

A drilling rig behind the utility also fell into the void, but the operator was able to escape and was later rescued.

An emergency call was received by the mine at 8:45am on Wednesday and the mine's emergency procedures were activated.



Drones were used to investigate the stability of the site before rescue crews were deployed to start removing debris near the fallen utility on Thursday afternoon.

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Victoria will go it alone on raising the age of criminal responsibility if Australian states and territories cannot arrive at an agreement, Daniel Andrews has warned.



Daniel Andrews wants a national consensus on raising the age of criminal responsibility from 10.
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The Victorian premier has long flagged his state would seek a national consensus on lifting the age from 10 but has given his strongest hint yet the window was closing.

"Some people have been very focused on the age issue," Mr Andrews told reporters on Thursday.

"We're giving that one more go to try and get a national consensus and if we don't, as we said some time ago, we won't hesitate to do our own thing.

"We'd prefer not to do that. I think a national law would be better but at some point, you have to call time on national processes that just don't deliver."

National cabinet is scheduled to meet in late April but Mr Andrews wants to get the wheels turning before then.

"The attorney ... speaks with her colleagues quite often so it wouldn't necessarily have to be a formal meeting," he said.

Australian states and territories agreed to develop a plan to raise the age of criminal responsibility to 12 in 2021 but a draft report last year recommended raising the age from 10 to 14 without exception.

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