

Worker dies at BMA's Saraji coal mine

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The Saraji coal mine at Dysart, where the worker died. (ABC Rural: Kim Honan)

A worker has died at a central Queensland mine following a vehicle-related incident on Monday afternoon.

The death was confirmed in a statement from BHP Mitsubishi Alliance (BMA) asset president Adam Lancey, who said it occurred following a "serious incident" at BMA's Saraji mine at Dysart.

In the statement Mr Lancey said "emergency services responded to the scene" after the worker was "fatally injured".

A Queensland Ambulance Service spokesperson confirmed paramedics were called to the job at the Saraji mine at about 1:30 pm yesterday.

Key points:

- Resources Safety and Health and union officials are investigating the incident
- The Mining and Energy Union says members are "devastated" by the worker's death
- A worker died at the mine in 2018 when the machine he was

The spokesperson said a man in his 20s was found in a **operating rolled** critical condition and transported by road to Dysart Hospital.

He also confirmed that Resources Safety and Health Queensland has been notified and that BMA will work closely with the Mines Inspectorate and relevant authorities.

Operations at the Saraji mine are suspended.

A Resources Safety and Health Queensland spokesperson said in a statement that the department was investigating the incident.

Mining and Energy Union Queensland president Mitch Hughes said in a statement that members were "devastated that a coal miner is not returning home at the end of their shift".

He confirmed that union safety inspectors were at the site to conduct a "thorough investigation".

Mr Hughes said "no stone" would be left unturned "in understanding what has occurred and preventing future fatalities and injuries".

On New Year's Eve 2018 dozer operator Allan Houston, 49, died after his machine rolled at the mine.

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