

NEWS UPDATE

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Prosecution of mine worker

On 29 September 2008 mine worker Peter Barrett pleaded guilty in the Mount Isa Industrial Magistrate's Court to failure to discharge his obligations under the *Mining and Quarrying Safety and Health Act 1999*.

The prosecution followed the death of Mr Daniel Hensler at BHPBilliton's Cannington mine in North West Queensland on 15 December 2006. Mr Hensler received fatal injuries whilst working underground when the man basket he was working in detached from a JCB 540 Q-fit carriage and fell to the ground. The JCB 540 was being driven by Peter Barrett.

Mr Barrett had failed to check the effectiveness of the locking pins on the man basket attachment. Mr Barret was fined \$1,200 and no conviction was recorded.

Following the fatal accident, the Mines Inspectorate released Safety Bulletin No 63, "Integrated tool carrier risk management" which is available at:
http://www.dme.qld.gov.au/mines/mines_safety_bulletins.cfm

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