

# SAFETY ALERT

**Incident Title:**

Traffic Controller Incident

**Date of Incident:**

June 2016

**Incident Description and Details:**

A worker was undertaking 'stop/slow' traffic control duties with another worker near a major project intersection. The second worker saw a driver ignore the traffic control stop sign and proceed to go through the intersection whilst the first traffic controller was directing the crossing of an excavator.

**Recommendations/Lessons:**

In this case the traffic controller was newly inducted to his role. He was given further training and placed on smaller traffic management jobs to gain more experience.

No further controls that were reasonably practicable to stop breaches by the public.

To minimise this type of hazard:

- Contractors must ensure new personnel are supported and well trained, and given tasks that are appropriate for their level of competence;
- Traffic controllers must use effective traffic management systems to reduce the interaction of plant, personnel and public;
- Clear traffic signalling and adequate signage must be used.



**Working on roads is an extremely dangerous activity and requires multiple and fluctuating hazards to be managed.**