

11th January 2010

Report

By

CFMEU WA

Crane collapse

Company: Lampson (Australia) Pty Ltd

Address: Lampson Perth Yard - 8 Jackson Street Bassendean

Background

Lampson (Australia) Pty Ltd is a crane company specialising in large crawler cranes. Their yard is based in a busy industrial estate in Bassendean. Around 3:00pm Monday 11th January 2010, the CFMEU was notified of an incident where a crane had fallen over and took out powerlines.

Observations

- Head and fly jib sections were lying across Jackson Street into Detroit diesel entrance.
- 22,000 high voltage power lines had been taken down by crane jib.
- The crane involved was a 3900T (truck mounted) Manitowoc. It had a 40' jib section with head and fly attached, around 110' of jib and fly in total.
- Jackson Street is a very busy street with trucks, car and people travel ling up and down all day. Given the time and location of incident, it was very lucky no one was killed from the crane collapse or from electric shock.
- Western power, police and fire attended scene; Worksafe were notified but did not attend site.
- The crane was in the process of lifting large outrigger pads weighing around 24 ton. It is not known what caused the crane to collapse at this point and investigations are continuing. In the interim, any sites using pin jib 3900 and 4000 clutch drive Manitowoc cranes should conduct maintenance checks to ensure cranes are 100% fit to operate.
- Further information will be shared when available.

PHOTOS





