

Greetings All,

At certain times over our working days, we may be asked to lift something into some place that we just know isn't right. The choices we make as crane people can have flow on affects to other people working onsite, or to members of the general public.

This picture spotted on Vertikal earlier this year from a job site somewhere in NSW is a perfect example of a bad choice in saying yes - when the answer should have been a resounding no! That bin being used as a makeshift platform with a shutter and some planks for a deck is just sitting in place with no more than a bit of friction stopping it from tipping in towards the hole, and perhaps spearing the labourers on the Z bars or reo that is sticking out of the panel.

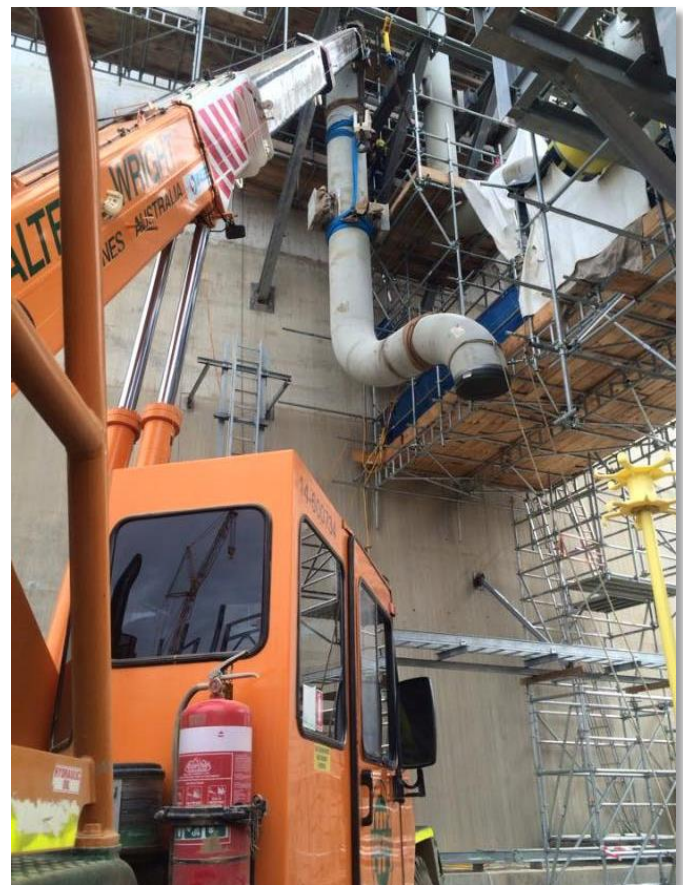


The scary thing about the picture above is that a crane of some sort has placed that bin into position, as there is no way a bin truck could have placed it there, which in turn means that somewhere walking amongst us is at least a couple of people who work with cranes that thought it would be a good idea.

Saying no can be hard, especially when work is scarce and there are bills to pay – but each and every one of us has a duty of care to ourselves, our colleagues and the greater community to make a stand at times.

One of the biggest industry issues that has been keeping CICA busy is representing our members and their employees when it comes to improving access for our cranes to travel upon the road networks that we need to gain access from site to site.

The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator, along with the state road regulators have been working on a new Special Purpose Vehicle 1 notice which will improve the ability for our SPV cranes in the smaller sizes to travel with both less restrictions and greater consistency across the states. This is especially important for our readers who work on or near state borders.



With more than 30% of the cranes in Australia being pick and carry cranes that will fall under this category alone, along with our truck mounted fleet and smaller A/T's, this will be a big milestone for our industry that hopefully improves our ability to safely and efficiently serve the community and just get on with the job.

Cheers for now and have a safe week!

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