



## JNL Safety Alert #041

Incident: Road side clearing near hit incident  
Date: 20171130  
Reference: 20171130-WF-NHI-001

### Details

On the 30<sup>th</sup> of November an incident occurred at Tinui Forest.

A roadside weed control operation was working in an area with heavy vegetation growth. The tractor operator did not see a tree stem that was concealed under a pampas bush. The stem caught on the wheel of the tractor and rolled up and around the tire which almost tipped the tractor over in the process. The operator was able to right the tractor with no damage to people or property.

### Mandatory Requirements

If debris such as fallen trees are being removed or cleared from a road, workers must ensure that it is cleared back to both sides of the water table, as per the JNL Operational Standards - not just to the width of the vehicle needing access. Silvicultural practices also specify that the water table is cleared of debris from pruning and thinning operations.

### Significant Learning

The following are significant learnings identified as the result of the Incident:

When roadside clearing and spraying operations are occurring the operator needs to be aware of potential hidden debris and the hazards associated with these, and those conducting the clearing are to complete it correctly.

### What's required?

Ensure that the clearing of roadsides is completed correctly and to keep an eye out for unexpected hazards.