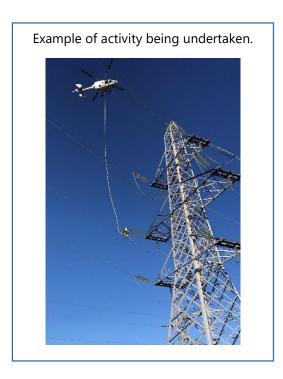


## Live Line Minimum Approach Distance (LLMAD) Encroachment

## What happened

During helicopter live line joint testing in Fiordland, whilst a suspended live line worker was exiting the conductor on completion of testing, a mispositioning of the helicopter occurred. This allowed a pendulum effect to happen in the live line rope permitting the suspended live line worker to potentially encroach the LLMAD.



## **Immediate actions**

- Work stopped to address encroachment. Hold point briefing completed.
- The helicopter to land the suspended live line worker further out on the conductor and enable them to move in and out to the joint.
- Use of radio confirmation to ensure the suspended live line worker is steady and directly below the helicopter before being lifted off the conductor.
- Investigation in progress

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