

SAFETY ALERT



TITLE: Driving and Wildlife/Livestock Interaction

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Background

On 29 March, an FPC contractor worker was driving to the work site on an unsealed road at approximately 40km/hr when a kangaroo jumped out, striking the side of the vehicle. Fortunately, there were no injuries.

Control Measures

- **Be aware** – animals are more active near waterholes and creeks, and harder to see at sunrise and sunset.
- **Reduce your speed** – slow down when you see animal and/or warning signs.
- **Stay alert** – animals are unpredictable, so expect the unexpected.
- **Brake safely** – always apply your brakes in a controlled manner.
- **Never swerve** – it is safer to hit an animal than swerve and lose control of your vehicle.
- **Defensive driver training** - brush up on your driving skills and complete a defensive driving course.
- **Report Hazards** – raise awareness and report interactions with wildlife on the FPC1089 Contractor Hazard/Incident Report.