

CFMEU OHS ALERT

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THIS ALERT IS TO ENLIGHTEN THE INDUSTRY ON THE IMPORTANCE OF USING THE RIGHT TOOL AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE JOB AT HAND!

Especially important is the the use of forklifts and tele handlers being used to perform works that are much more suited to a crane.

A thorough risk assessment must be performed with full consultation with affected workers to determine the best and safest way to perform the task in question.

A tele handler with a jib attachment does not replace the need for a mobile crane such as a non-slewing franna style crane. Tele handlers with jib attachments lift their loads with a fixed hook assembly therefore restricting the load

to a set position, this can cause many issues especially if the load is to be mobilized.

Having a mobile crane with a wire cable and winch has the ability to position the load in the safest possible configuration, eliminating any crush zones and also allows the operator and dogman a clear view on the task and the surroundings.

You must ensure you provide the highest level of protection. Tele handlers with jib attachments must meet the requirements set in AS 2550-5 Mobile cranes.



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