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# Media Release:

## Moolarben Coal Wins NSW Safety Excellence Award

Yancoal Australia's Moolarben Coal operation has won the New South Wales Minerals Council Safety Excellence Award for 2016.

Announced at a gala industry event on Monday 29 August, Moolarben Coal received the award for the design and implementation of a unique lighting solution to help prevent collisions between heavy mobile equipment.

"This important industry award recognises the commitment and contribution of our people to operating to the highest safety standards every day on site," said Moolarben Coal General Manager Steve Archinal.

"Working together, our people proactively developed and introduced a new lighting system to enable greater communication between heavy vehicle operators, improving our procedures and significantly reducing the risks for potential on-site collisions."

As part of a review of existing operating protocols, crews developed a signal light on the roof of tracked heavy equipment to be used in two-way communication between vehicles. The new system entailing an operator to initiate radio contact to dozer operators, who then acknowledged the communication via the signal light.

Following completion of a full risk assessment and on-site trial in a controlled environment, crews reviewed the outcomes of the new initiative to identify benefits and any potential concerns.

Having found the new lighting system to positively improve communication, while increasing the speed of response and on-site procedures, the lighting system was subsequently implemented across all tracked equipment.

"Since the implementation of the safety light system there have been no instances of collisions between heavy mobile equipment in Moolarben's operating areas," said Mr Archinal.

"By engaging with our people and encouraging new ideas to improve our safety and operational performance, we are recognising the talent within our business and ensuring we are operating a leading edge operation."

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