



John Holland

Building giant John Holland could be facing fines of up to \$1.5 million in Australia's first criminal prosecution under national health and safety laws that have been on the books for three years.

Two unsuspecting drivers were lucky to evade death when a large concrete pipe fell on their cars as they drove under the \$842 million South Road Superway in Adelaide, the state's largest-ever road job.

Prosecutors allege John Holland failed to undertake a "task risk assessment" for the "extreme risk activity" of installing pipes and conduits at the arterial road project.

The builder is also accused of failing to draw up a "safe work method" for the installation of the stormwater pipe, exposing Mr Gardner and Ms Ramirez to the risk of death or serious injury.

The third charge alleges John Holland failed to apply auditing procedures for the work of installing the fibrous-reinforced-cement stormwater pipe.

National Health and Safety Laws

Comcare alleged that John Holland breached section 32 of the Work Health and Safety Act 2011 by failing to comply with a health and safety duty. They failed to ensure, so far as was reasonably practicable, that the health and safety of other persons was not put at risk from the work that was being carried out.

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