The Safety Flyer

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BOX CUTS

Due to a recent near hit incident Pan Pac has decided **NOT** to permit any fallers, falling Pan Pac in managed operations to use the Box Cut felling method illustrated in the latest Felling Tree Best Practice Guide (Pg44).









On Tuesday 20th June FISC and Competenz Assessors got together behind the Pan Pac Mill to view a demonstration of how the Box Cut works and discuss it's advantages. During felling of the fourth and final tree, while putting in the final cut (release cut) the tree split (Barber chaired) up 2.5m to 3m. Although the Faller was not hit, it was very close. This was an experienced Faller and was one of a few guys that pushed to get the Box Cut reintroduced into the Tree Felling Best Practice Guide.

Clearly this cut is not suitable for all heavy leaning trees and as a result it shall not be used in Pan Pac managed operations.