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Crash kills taxi driver

BRISBANE: A taxi driver is dead after a head-on crash on one of Brisbane's busiest bridges.

The male taxi driver and a woman driving a hatchback had to be cut free from wreckage after their cars collided on the Story Bridge just before 5am yesterday.

The man was taken to Princess Alexandra Hospital and died a short time later, police said. The woman is in a critical condition.

A passenger from one vehicle is also critical, and a passenger from the other car had minor injuries.

Taxi Council Queensland chief executive Benjamin Wash offered condolences to the driver's family and colleagues, and said thoughts were also with the passenger and occupants of the other vehicle involved. "This event has shocked the taxi community," he said.