



# Information Alert



## INDUSTRY INVITED TO COMMENT ON NSW RAIL SAFETY BILL 2007

National consistency in the regulation of safety for railways across Australia is a key priority of the Council of Australian Governments (COAG).

NSW is committed to adopting nationally consistent rail safety legislation. The Independent Transport Safety and Reliability Regulator (ITSRR) has been active in the development of national model legislation to ensure it delivers improved safety management and is consistent with safety reforms adopted in recent years to strengthen the regulation of rail safety in NSW.

Following extensive consultation with the rail industry, in 2006 the Australian Transport Council (ATC) approved National Model Rail Safety Legislation (the *National Rail Safety Bill 2006*) which will be adopted by each State and the Northern Territory along with supporting regulations by 1 July 2007.

In NSW, a new Act based on the National Model Bill will replace the *Rail Safety Act 2002*. ITSRR is now seeking public comment on the *NSW Rail Safety Bill 2007*.

The [NSW Rail Safety Bill 2007](#) and other supporting information can be viewed on ITSRR's website [www.transportregulator.nsw.gov.au](http://www.transportregulator.nsw.gov.au) by following the link from the home page under 'Latest News'.

An information package is also available by contacting Frances Bonaddio on (02) 8263 7184 or [frances.bonaddio@transportregulator.nsw.gov.au](mailto:frances.bonaddio@transportregulator.nsw.gov.au)

Public comment on the Bill is invited until **23 March 2007**. Submissions should be marked "Attention: Consultation – *NSW Rail Safety Bill 2007*" and can be submitted by:

- Post – Independent Transport Safety and Reliability Regulator, PO Box A2633, Sydney South, NSW 1235;
- Fax – (02) 8263 7287; or
- Email – [contact@transportregulator.nsw.gov.au](mailto:contact@transportregulator.nsw.gov.au)

**Information sessions** for the rail industry on the *NSW Rail Safety Bill 2007* will be held at ITSRR's offices (Level 22, 201 Elizabeth Street, Sydney) on **Thursday, 8 March 2007** (morning and afternoon provided) as follows:

- Commercial operators and unions: 9am-11am
- Contractors: 1pm-3pm
- Tourist and heritage operators: 4pm-6pm.

To attend a session, please RSVP by Tuesday, 6 March to Frances Bonaddio on (02) 8263 7184 or [frances.bonaddio@transportregulator.nsw.gov.au](mailto:frances.bonaddio@transportregulator.nsw.gov.au)

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