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NSW RAIL SAFETY BILL CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

The Independent Transport Safety and Reliability Regulator (ITSRR) conducted a public consultation on the *Draft NSW Rail Safety Bill* in March 2007.

ITSRR received 12 public submissions in relation to the NSW Bill which was based on the National Model Bill and will implement nationally consistent rail safety legislation in NSW.

The submissions raised a range of issues covering topics including safety management systems, definitions of accredited persons and private sidings, and the formulation of general duties provisions for rail transport operators and contractors.

A table outlining the issues raised in those submissions and ITSRR's responses can now be viewed on ITSRR's website at:

www.transportregulator.nsw.gov.au/documents/Comments_NSW_Rail_Safety_Bill_2007.pdf

The Draft Bill will be amended accordingly and is expected to be introduced into NSW Parliament in the Spring session, which commences in late September 2007.

ITSRR plans to release regulations to support the Bill for consultation in late August 2007. This consultation will also provide an opportunity to identify any further issues with the *NSW Rail Safety Bill 2007* which need to be resolved before its introduction into Parliament.

More information on the National Model Legislation and its implementation in NSW is available on the ITSRR website www.transportregulator.nsw.gov.au

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