



# Information Alert



## COMMENT INVITED ON NSW REGULATIONS 2007

The Independent Transport Safety and Reliability Regulator (ITSRR) invites public comment on draft NSW regulations to support the *Rail Safety Bill 2007*.

The NSW regulations adopt the National Model Rail Safety Regulations approved by the Australian Transport Council (ATC) in December 2006 following extensive consultation with rail industry.

The draft regulations specify more detailed requirements that are not appropriate for inclusion in the NSW Bill and mandate specific regulatory requirements applicable to parties responsible for rail safety.

Elements of the current NSW legislative framework and conditions of accreditation will be maintained as follows:

- existing guidelines relating to network rules, fatigue management, and drug and alcohol programs
- train radio communications provisions which implement recommendations of the Special Commission of Inquiry into the Waterfall Rail Accident
- certain conditions of accreditation relating to fatigue.

ITSRR is inviting public comment on a general regulation and regulations covering drug and alcohol requirements.

The *Rail Safety (General) Regulation 2007* covers:

- requirements for applying for and varying terms of accreditation
- statutory conditions of accreditation
- mandatory and prescribed SMS requirements
- obligations relating to the health and fitness and competence of rail safety workers
- categories of accreditation fees payable.

The *Rail Safety (Drug and Alcohol Testing) Regulation 2007* outlines offences relating to alcohol and other drugs and requirements for testing programs for drugs and alcohol. It does not introduce new requirements but simply brings the existing mandatory requirements from the Drug and Alcohol Guideline into the new regulatory regime.

Both draft regulations and 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' or by going to the following link [http://www.transportregulator.nsw.gov.au/regulations\\_consultation.html](http://www.transportregulator.nsw.gov.au/regulations_consultation.html)

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

Public comment on the regulations is invited until **Friday, 26 October 2007**. Submissions should be marked "Attention: Consultation – *NSW Regulations 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)

An industry **information session** will be held at The Mint Auditorium, 10 Macquarie Street, Sydney on **Monday, 24 September 2007** from 3.30pm-5.30pm.

To attend the session, please RSVP by Monday, 17 September 2007 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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