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UPDATE ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO NSW RAIL SAFETY LEGISLATION

NSW is committed to working with the National Transport Commission, the NSW rail industry and other Australian regulators to introduce consistent rail safety legislation and improve safety management in Australia.

To progress the reforms, the Independent Transport Safety and Reliability Regulator (ITSRR) released the *NSW Rail Safety Bill 2007* and supporting draft Regulations (both based on the national models) for public consultation in March and September/October 2007 respectively.

The draft Bill has been refined following the consultation process and ITSRR is reviewing industry feedback on the draft Regulations.

While the Government remains committed to rail safety reform, in order to ensure consistency between rail safety and occupational health and safety laws in NSW, the proposed amendments to rail safety legislation will not be introduced to Parliament until the outcomes of the Stein Inquiry into the *Occupational Health and Safety Act 2000* have been considered fully.

ITSRR is continuing to work on systems and processes to support the new legislative regime when it is introduced.

For background information on the National Model Legislation, visit ITSRR's website at www.transportregulator.nsw.gov.au

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