



Information Alert



COMMENT INVITED ON GUIDANCE FOR SAFETY PERFORMANCE REPORTS AND CONTRACTOR OBLIGATIONS

The national model rail safety legislation was approved by Commonwealth, State and Territory Transport Ministers in 2006 and is now being implemented across Australia.

The Rail Safety Regulators Panel (RSRP), which includes rail safety regulators from all States and Territories, has developed the following draft documents to support the national model legislation:

- [Guidance on Safety Performance Reports](#) – provides guidance to rail transport operators on preparing and submitting Safety Performance Reports, and guidance to rail safety regulators on the receipt and assessment of Safety Performance Reports.
- [Guidance on Contractor Obligations](#) – provides rail transport operators and contractors with guidance on the general duties, identifying who may be accredited to undertake certain railway operations, the alignment of the safety management systems (SMS) of the rail transport operator and contractor, and good practice on contract management.

The Independent Transport Safety and Reliability Regulator (ITSRR) invites comment on the draft documents from any interested person. Comments should be provided in writing by Friday 8 August 2008 to Celia Murphy, A/Manager Regulatory Policy Unit. Comments may be sent to postal address PO Box A2633, Sydney South NSW 1325, faxed on (02) 8263 7294 or emailed to celia.murphy@transportregulator.nsw.gov.au

Please note that the draft documents are being distributed for comment by the rail safety regulator in each state and territory on behalf of the RSRP. Therefore, you may receive these draft documents from more than one rail safety regulator. It is not necessary to provide comment to more than one rail safety regulator as all comments received by rail safety regulators will be collated and referred to the RSRP.

For information on the status of NSW legislation to deliver national consistency in the regulation of rail safety, refer to the Information Alert: [Update on Implementation of Nationally Consistent Rail Safety Legislation in NSW](#) (1 July 2008).

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