



Information Alert

DISCUSSION PAPER

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE *RAIL SAFETY (DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING) REGULATION 2008*

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The Independent Transport Safety and Reliability Regulator (ITSRR) is inviting comment on a discussion paper which examines proposals to amend the *Rail Safety (Drug and Alcohol Testing) Regulation 2008* to:

- (i) provide for oral fluid (saliva) testing to detect the presence of certain drugs; and
- (ii) introduce offences for the presence of certain drugs.

In addition, the discussion paper examines a proposal to require on-site urine drug screening to comply with AS/NZS 4308:2008, *Procedures for specimen collection and the detection and quantitation of drugs of abuse in urine*.

The discussion paper can be viewed on ITSRR's website at the following link:
www.transportregulator.nsw.gov.au/documents/discussion_paper_amendment_d&a_reg.pdf

If you would like a copy of the discussion paper to be faxed or mailed to your organisation, please contact Cathy Dowe on telephone (02) 8263 7142 or email cathy.dowe@transportregulator.nsw.gov.au

Comment on the discussion paper is invited until **Friday 10 July 2009**. Submissions should be marked "Attention: Consultation – Discussion Paper on the Proposed Amendment of the Rail Safety (Drug and Alcohol Testing) Regulation 2008" and can be submitted by:

- **post** - Independent Transport Safety and Reliability Regulator, PO Box A2633, Sydney South, NSW 1235;
- **fax** – (02) 8263 7200; or
- **email** – contact@transportregulator.nsw.gov.au

Please note that submissions may be made public, subject to the provisions of the *Freedom of Information Act 1989*. ITSRR will consider any requests for submissions to be treated on a confidential basis, subject to the provisions of the Act.

ITSRR will initiate discussions on the proposals with organisations that have previously raised these issues with ITSRR. Other organisations interested in discussing these proposals with ITSRR are invited to contact ITSRR at contact@transportregulator.nsw.gov.au to arrange a meeting.



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