



Information Alert



UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONALLY CONSISTENT RAIL SAFETY LEGISLATION IN NSW

The Independent Transport Safety and Reliability Regulator (ITSRR) has been working with the National Transport Commission (NTC), the NSW rail industry and other Australian regulators to develop and introduce nationally consistent rail safety legislation.

Over the past 18 months ITSRR has consulted extensively with the rail industry, unions and peak bodies on the *Draft NSW Rail Safety Bill* and supporting Regulations with a view to introducing new legislation by 1 July 2008.

During this period industry stakeholders have expressed concern about the formulation of the general duty within the proposed legislation. ITSRR has been working with these stakeholders to resolve their concerns and also sought advice from the NTC.

The NTC confirmed that the proposed NSW Bill and Regulations – including the formulation of the general duty – are consistent with decisions made by the Australian Transport Commission and the approved *National Model Rail Safety Bill 2006*.

The NSW Government remains committed to introducing the legislation as soon as practicable to deliver national consistency in the regulation of rail safety. In the meantime, existing rail safety legislation continues to apply until these matters are resolved.

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