

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Special Commission of Inquiry (SCOI) into the Waterfall Rail Accident released its Final Report on 17 January 2005. In accordance with the Commission's recommendations, the NSW Government agreed that the Independent Transport Safety and Reliability Regulator (ITSRR) should report quarterly on implementation progress. This is the thirteenth Quarterly Report. It outlines progress made between 1 January and 31 March 2008.

Implementation Summary

Further progress was made during quarter with the verification and closure of 1 (1%) recommendation in the area of train maintenance (Recommendation 53). This recommendation was the responsibility of RailCorp.

Progress was also made in relation to the remaining recommendations:

- RailCorp has provided ITSRR with a progress report on the implementation of the new Rail Management Centre (RMC) Competence Management System (CMS). This system involves implementation of a series of actions to improve training, assessment, selection and recruitment criteria (Recommendation 1 & 20).
- RailCorp continued the pilot trial of the European Train Control System (ETCS) Automatic Train Protection (ATP) technology on the Blue Mountains Line. There are three companies participating in the trial who manufacture ETCS equipment. To date testing has been completed for equipment provided by two of the three companies. Testing of the third manufacturer's equipment will be completed during the next reporting period (April 2008) (Recommendation 32).
- ITSRR met with the National Transport Commission (NTC) to discuss progress in the development of an appropriate amendment to the model regulations to set requirements for data loggers. NTC has advised that

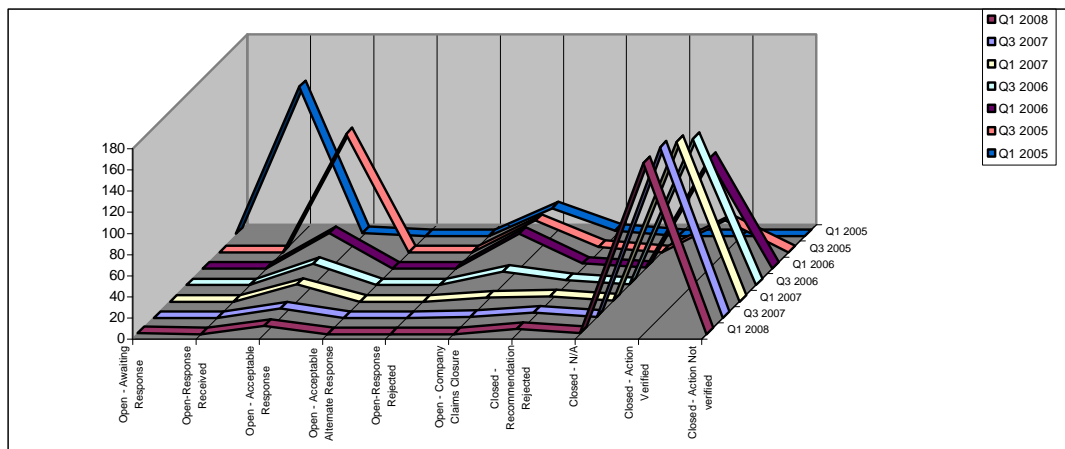
work on these regulations has been incorporated into their 2008-09 work program (Recommendations 36 & 37).

At the end of the reporting period, the cumulative implementation progress to date for all 177 recommendations (including 127 recommendations and 50 sub-elements) was as follows:

- 168 (95%) recommendations verified and closed
- 4 (2%) recommendations open acceptable response (Recommendations 1, 20, 32 & 71)
- 1 (0.5%) recommendation open await response (Recommendation 43)
- 1 (0.5%) recommendation is scheduled to be implemented by 2010 (Recommendation 38)
- 3 (2%) recommendations referred to the NTC have interim target dates (Recommendations 30, 36 & 37).

The current status of all of the safety actions, compared to that in previous quarters, is summarised below:

GRAPH 1: PROGRESSIVE STATUS OF ALL RECOMMENDATIONS BY QUARTER



As time has progressed the peak has shifted along the x-axis as the recommendations are closed.

Slippage

There were no slippages during the reporting period.