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DRAFT RAIL SAFETY ACTS AND REGULATIONS – VARIOUS STATES

To implement the Australian Transport Ministers decisions supporting the National Transport Commission “National Model Rail Safety Bill 2006”, the various states and territories are now drafting complementary legislation for their Parliaments to approve. The associated draft regulations and regulatory impact statements will follow these. It is understood that all states and the NT will soon be consulting on their draft bills and regulations to have them in place by 1 July 2007.

South Australia has commenced the process and their draft bill is out for consultation: <http://www.transport.sa.gov.au/safety/rail/index.asp> Comments close on 31st Jan. The state body CHRTSA are currently undertaking a review and preparing comments. Other states will shortly follow.

Key Messages

Implementation of the NTC Model Bill and Regulations are now proceeding to the next stage; that is, Parliamentary Acts by the various states and the NT. Consultation is available to you in your home state and every opportunity should be taken by you to put your case or to provide comments. The implications of these new Bills and Regulations may be far reaching for your rail heritage organisation and feedback to your state rail heritage organisation and ATHRA is strongly recommended.

Recommended Actions:

Be aware of the new Rail Safety Acts and draft Regulations in your State and take part in the consultation processes available by working with your State body.

To discuss sector implications contact Warren Doubleday, ATHRA’s Rail Safety Regulators Consultative Forum Representative on: rail.safety@athra.asn.au