



## ASSOCIATION OF TOURIST & HERITAGE RAIL AUSTRALIA

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### **ATHRA ALERT #46 – December 2009** **Tourist Railway Level Crossing Incident Database**

Concerned with the lack of readily available information regarding level crossing incidents on tourist railways, ATHRA has established a database specifically for level crossing incidents in the tourist and heritage sector. Courtesy of Mike Lee from *The Savannahlander* in Cairns, the T&H sector database is now operational.

To make this a worthwhile facility, all T&H groups throughout Australia are asked to provide details of all level crossing incidents for this database **in addition to your obligation** to report incidents to your State Rail Safety Regulator.

Users can access the system directly at <http://www.levelcrossing.org.au>. Access is restricted to registered users, usually an organisation's Safety Officer, however an organisation can nominate anyone for access. The home page has a link that anyone can use to download a paper form that can be used to record incidents in the field. Actual reports can be entered directly, emailed to [report@levelcrossing.org.au](mailto:report@levelcrossing.org.au), or faxed to 07 4053 6818.

General enquires can be made to [info@levelcrossing.org.au](mailto:info@levelcrossing.org.au).

#### **Key Message**

Given the nationwide focus on the level crossing incidents, the T&H sector needs to understand its situation on a national basis. The T&H sector data base will assist ATHRA in achieving this and will allow provision of the necessary data to help focus our activities.

#### **Recommended Actions**

1. Appoint a person in your organisation to be the registered user of the T&H sector level crossing incident database.
2. Ensure all incidents are reported to your Regulator and are entered in the T&H sector database

**Entering incidents in the T&H sector database is NOT a substitute for your mandatory reporting to your Regulator.**