

Development of a New Level Crossing Standard Approved

The Operations and Performance Standing Committee (OPSC), Infrastructure Standing Committee (ISC) and Rolling Stock Standing Committee (RSSC) have identified that no Australian standard covers the rail issues for level crossings. For example, research has identified no consistency of warning times and the use of predictors between states. With a primary focus on road signs and markings, the existing Australian Standard (AS 1742.7-2007) is only one part in a suite of documents that covers uniform traffic control devices for the Australian road network. Thus, the Rail Industry Safety and Standards (RISSB) Board has approved the development of a new level crossing standard that will include the following elements:

- types of crossings;
- protection equipment;
- telephones and communications;
- signalling and control systems;
- construction, testing and commissioning;
- maintenance and inspection;
- decommissioning; and
- risk assessment.

A development group will be established that will work directly with the author to produce the first draft of the standard. Interested persons should contact Emma Pettiford via epettiford@rissb.com.au or (02) 6270 4512 to register.

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