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## RISSB Activities

The Rail Industry Safety and Standards Board (RISSB) is undertaking a large body of work on behalf of the Rail Industry. The RISSB is responsible for managing the Australian Code of Practice (the ACOP); this includes the development and ongoing management of Standards, Codes of Practice, Rules and Guidelines. An overview of the work being done on the ACOP is summarised below. For more information on these activities we recommend you have a look at the RISSB's website [www.rissb.com.au](http://www.rissb.com.au)

### Activity Summary - Operations and Safety

- Australian Network Rules and Procedures (ANRP).
  - 53 draft work on track rules and procedures developed
  - Risk assessment, plain English review, and a regulatory impact statement (RIS) undertaken.
  - First public consultation undertaken with over 800 comments received. These are presently being addressed.
  - Second public consultation scheduled for early November 2008.
- Safety Culture Toolkit
  - Provides an easy-to-use tool for measurement and benchmarking of safety culture
  - Now available to ARA members free of charge:  
Visit <http://rissb.info-exchange.com>
- Safety Data Quality Audit
  - Audit completed
  - Final report to be considered by Safety Managers Group during November 2008 Safety Managers Group Workshop
- Industry Safety Data Strategy
  - In development
  - Scoping and Feasibility Study for implementation is currently being performed to determine likely costs
  - May include a National Safety Database
- Review of Code of Practice for the DIRN Volumes 1,2,3 and Freight Loading Manual
  - First significant review of the COP for the DIRN
  - Includes alignment with other RISSB standards/COPs
- Code of Practice for Competency Assessment of Rail Safety Workers

- Provide a COP which clarifies competency assessment of rail safety workers under the National Model Legislation
- Project RFS issued,
- Seeking development group volunteers
- Emergency Management Guideline
  - Project RFS issued – awaiting tender bid submissions
- Accessible Rail Code of Practice
  - First draft approximately 60% complete
  - Includes station and rollingstock accessibility design issues
- Enhancing Human Performance in Rail Operations Guideline
  - Seeks to provide concise single-page listings of activities that may affect human performance in rail operations
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> draft is in the process of being finalized
- AS7660: National Train Radio Communications System Standard
  - Preliminary draft started
  - RISSB have called for participation by interested parties in the Development Group

#### **Activity Summary - Infrastructure projects**

- AS 7630: Track Classification
  - Industry review completed
  - Development Group reviewing responses
- AS 7633:Clearances
  - Development group reviewing first draft
  - Industry review to be in November 2008
- AS 7640: Rail Management
  - Author developing first draft
- AS 7643: Track Lateral Stability
  - Development Group reviewing first draft
  - Industry review to be in December 2008-08-29

#### **Activity Summary - Rollingstock projects**

- AS 763: Rolling Stock Acceptance
  - Development group reviewing draft
  - Industry review December 2008
- AS 7507: Rolling Stock Out line
  - Final Drafts being endorsed by National Committees
- AS 7510: Braking Systems
  - Industry review completed
  - Validation commenced
- AS 7512: Exterior Environment
  - In dusty review commenced in August 2008
- AS 7518: Suspension
  - Authoring commenced in August 3008
- AS 7520 : Body Structural Requirements
  - Author developing first draft

- AS 7524: Draw gear
  - Industry review completed
  - Development group reviewing responses
- Boilers Code of Practice
  - Author completed first draft
  - Development group reviewing draft
  - Industry review in November 2008

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