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Rail Safety Regulation: A Shared Responsibility

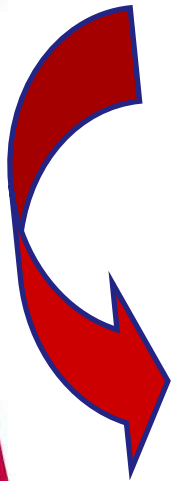


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Rail Safety in Australia

- 7 jurisdictions – local accountability for rail safety
- Diverse geography
- Diverse technology
- Diverse operations



Different safety requirements to deal with different operating risks





Co-regulation

Regulator:

- Sets standards
- Accredits operators
- Audits compliance

Responsible for

- *setting the safety standard*
- *enforcing the safety standard*

Operator:

- Identifies risks
- Implements control measures

Responsible for

- meeting the safety standard*

Shared responsibility for monitoring safety outcomes



Rail Safety Regulators' Panel

- Established in 2003
- **Aim:** to develop a joint national rail safety accreditation system
- Achievements to date:
 - ◆ Review of the *Occurrence Notification – Standard 1 (ON-S1)*
 - ◆ Rail Resource Management (RRM) training
 - ◆ National guidelines
 - ◆ National Data Strategy
 - ◆ Training for Rail Safety Regulators
 - ◆ RSRP website
 - ◆ Principal Regulator concept



The Journey

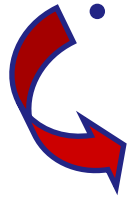
- National regulatory reform
- Development of national model legislation
 - National Transport Commission
 - Regulators
 - Operators
 - Australasian Railway Association
 - Unions



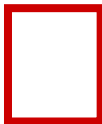


Impacts of new legislation on Tourist and Heritage sector

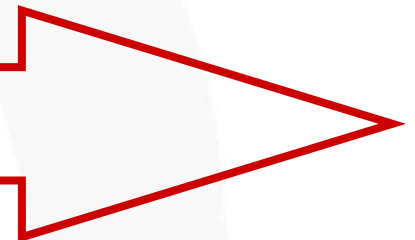
- **Review of practicality and how the T&H sector could be assisted to meet this requirement**
 - ◆ **Some new legislative requirements challenging for T&H operators**
 - Additional reporting requirements
 - Assessment of competence for rail safety work under the Australian Quality Training Framework
 - ◆ **Guidance material**



National funding to assist with development of lesson plans



Consultative process





Guidance Material

- **A range of guidance material and tools were developed nationally**
- **Tourist and Heritage sector identified as a priority**
 - ◆ **Safety Management System Guidance**
 - ◆ **Safety Performance Reporting Guidance**



Operating in Queensland

- **Currently use National Rail Safety Accreditation Package (NAP):**
 - ◆ **NAP includes guidelines and processes for accreditation, and requirements for annual rail safety performance reporting**
 - ◆ **Nationally endorsed in 2004**
 - ◆ **Currently operators must demonstrate competency and capacity to meet NAP requirements**



Queensland's Rail Industry

11 Commercial Operators:

➤ **40.63 million kms
travelled**

15 Tourist and Heritage Operators:

➤ **55805 kms travelled**

- **Assistance with accreditation / variation applications**
- **Working together on NAP implementation**
- **Audits**
- **Education**
- **Individual work with railways**



Queensland: working with Tourist and Heritage operators

- **Queensland has drafted new rail safety legislation**
 - ◆ **Based on national model legislation**
 - ◆ **Developed in consultation with industry and unions**
 - ◆ **Will replace NAP**





Queensland: working with Tourist and Heritage operators

- **Ongoing engagement with industry to enable transition to new legislation**
 - ◆ **Local consultative forum**
 - ◆ **Association Tourist Railways Queensland**
 - ◆ **Industry involvement via reference groups**
 - ◆ **Formal consultation processes**
 - ◆ **Shared dialogue during accreditation and audit processes**

Shared responsibility for monitoring safety outcomes



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Thank you

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