

Summary of NSW Branch Operations Forum Meeting

2 April 2014

This was the first meeting of the Forum for the 2014-15 membership term.

The meeting was attended by industry members from 14 rail transport operators, including rail infrastructure managers, commercial and heritage rolling stock operators, and maintainers and contractors. Representatives from the Office of Transport Safety Investigations (OTSI) and unions were also present.

A presentation was given on the proposed implementation of the ONRSR drug and alcohol testing program in NSW. ONRSR has contracted Medvet to undertake the testing. ONRSR will be holding information sessions for rail transport operators and unions before the program is rolled out. Information material will also be available for rail safety workers on the ONRSR website and sent electronically to operators.

An overview was provided on the ONRSR Fatigue Risk Management Project, which involves visits to operators to identify practical ways to enhance their practices (if required) and ultimately promote good practice to the wider rail industry.

An update was provided on the road rail vehicle safety initiative being jointly undertaken by ONRSR, RISSB and industry. ONRSR is collating responses to the questionnaire that was sent to industry following the workshops, after which it will provide advice to industry on the outcomes of the survey.

The Forum next meets on 24 July 2014.