

Summary of NSW Branch Operations Forum Meeting

31 March 2016

The meeting was attended by industry members from 13 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 the RTBU were also present.

There were two presentations:

- The current security environment in Australia
- ONRSR Drug and Alcohol Testing Program – proposed commencement in NSW

With regard to the ONRSR Drug and Alcohol Testing Program, it was noted that there will be no change to operator drug and alcohol testing arrangements in NSW. Members were advised that the ONRSR would be holding industry information sessions, prior to the commencement of testing.

Key points of discussion included road rail vehicles (RRVs) and contractor management.

It was noted that the ONRSR RRV program will continue, with a change in focus based on the outcomes of the ONRSR's earlier project and industry feedback. In addition, it is proposed to develop guidance material on the responsibilities of all parties involved in RRV operations.

Members were reminded that NSW drug and alcohol testing authorised person ID cards will begin to expire in 2016. Rail transport operators and third part testing providers were sent details of the renewal process in January.

The forum next meets on 28 July 2016.