

# RAIL SAFETY UPDATE



Hello

Season's greetings to you all! Enjoy the break if you're having one, or if you're continuing to work around the rail network during the Christmas holidays please take care and ensure your safety and that of others.

## New team member

We're pleased to welcome Ray McMillan to our team. Ray has taken over from Dave Robson as the Rail Compliance Manager and is based in Wellington.

*"I have come from the Environmental Protection Authority, where I set up the national hazardous substances compliance function overseeing importers and manufacturers of hazardous substances. Prior to that I was a specialist investigator at Maritime New Zealand, which gave me the opportunity to be part of some pretty significant investigations - one highlight was managing the file for the Rena grounding. I have a legal background and have been working in the public sector for the past 27 years or so. Although coming from a legal background I have a broad skill set and experience base, and I look forward to adding value to the Transport Agency."*

## Research published

Just in time for Christmas, the work from the research project some of you were involved in has been published. The *Framework for review and prioritisation of rail safety risks in New Zealand* can be found online at [www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/research/reports/632](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/research/reports/632)

A lot of work went into this research project, and we're very happy with the learnings. There are some great insights that will also be valuable to those outside our industry.

I'd like to thank the openness of those who hosted our researchers on their sites, members of the industry such as Murray King who provided advice, Navigatus Consultants who performed the research, and the commitment of the Steering Committee – Liam Sands and Phil O'Connell from KiwiRail, Grant Craig from FRONZ, Karen Fletcher from the RMTU and Shannon van Lier from Ministry of Transport.

I'd encourage you to take the time to read the report. It's not a short read, but Chapter 1 provides a complete summary of the work in just a few pages. Also, the findings of the FRONZ conference survey and industry health and safety survey can be found in the

appendices.

### Summer Journeys campaign

When you're on the road, "plan ahead, avoid delays and stay safe on our roads" is the key message from our Summer Journeys roading campaign. A media and social media campaign has been launched to encourage people to check what's happening on their route and plan their journey accordingly, to minimise the risk of journey disruptions due to speed restrictions and other traffic management at roadwork sites. Please remember to take care when driving through roadwork sites and follow the temporary speed restrictions to ensure everyone stays safe on our roads.

It's been a great year, so thank you, our team look forward to working with again in 2018.

Regards,

Brett Aldridge  
Senior Manager Rail Safety

### RAIL INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS

At this time of year, please ensure you continue to exercise vigilance in your operating environment. Remember all rail accidents or incidents that occur over the holiday period must be reported to the Transport Agency as soon as practicable.

If the accident or incident involves a fatality, serious injury or significant property or infrastructure damage, call 04 499 1858 or free phone 0508 RAIL 555 (0508 7245 555). This number is monitored 24/7 by an on-call staff member.

For other incidents or accidents, please advise us as soon as practicable using the online notification form at: [www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/rail-incident-accident-form/](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/rail-incident-accident-form/) or by emailing [railregulation@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:railregulation@nzta.govt.nz)

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