

MEDIA STATEMENT



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Following comprehensive interviews and the completion of initial investigations, TasRail can now release further information regarding last Friday's train derailment in Devonport.

TasRail confirms that a train loaded by TasRail using an on-site hand-held remote control system lost operational control.

TasRail Chief Executive Officer Steven Dietrich said that as a result, the train that derailed did not have a driver on board when the incident occurred.

Mr Dietrich again reiterated that TasRail does not operate driverless train technology.

"While it must be acknowledged this incident remains under investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (**ATSB**) and the Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator (**ONRSR**), it is important to clarify a number of facts," he said.

"TasRail has utilised remote control loading technology at freight terminal sites successfully for more than 15 years."

TasRail is fully cooperating with ATSB and the ONRSR and has implemented additional safety controls.

TasRail confirms it reopened the Western Line on Sunday evening, enabling full customer services to resume across the Tasmanian Rail Network.

Crews continue to work at the Devonport incident site to finalise the clean-up and recovery of the remaining rollingstock.

Mr Dietrich extends his thanks and appreciation to the Devonport City Council and wider community for their patience whilst the recovery and clean up is finalised.

TasRail will provide further updates as appropriate.

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