

MEDIA STATEMENT



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TasRail has confirmed that one locomotive and seven wagons derailed at approximately 9am this morning just north of the Devonport Yard.

TasRail is continuing to cooperate with Tasmania Police and all emergency service personnel on site.

TasRail's Network Control Centre was alerted to the incident at 8.48am. They contacted Tasmania Police at 8.50am, who implemented a range of proactive measures to ensure the safety of the public. TasRail's Network Control Manager remained on the telephone with Tasmania Police to provide live updates and advice on the operation of the train as it travelled toward Devonport.

As part of TasRail's Emergency Response Protocol, the train was diverted to a dead end siding track that has a permanent derailer, ensuring the train could be halted in the safest possible location.

TasRail can now confirm that the train was being operated in a loading yard via on-site hand-held remote control technology, which has been utilised for more than 15 years at this location.

Two members of the public were injured as a result of the incident. They were released from the North West Regional Hospital by early afternoon today. TasRail extends its thoughts to the injured people and their families.

TasRail has confirmed that there was no hazardous material on board the train.

The Australian Transport Safety Bureau and other relevant authorities have been notified.

Tasmania Police and TasRail have secured the site and the recovery of rollingstock will occur in a safe and cautious manner. A crane is now on site and is likely to be utilised tomorrow as part of the recovery.

TasRail has launched a detailed investigation into this incident and will continue to cooperate with all relevant authorities and its highly-valued customers to manage the impacts.

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