

# MEDIA STATEMENT



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A focused and determined effort around the clock by TasRail's operational team is expected to enable the mainline through Devonport to be re-opened tonight.

The mainline has been closed since Friday after one locomotive and seven wagons derailed just north of the Devonport terminal. TasRail is continuing to assist the Australian Transport Safety Bureau and National Rail Regulator with their investigations.

TasRail Chief Executive Officer Steven Dietrich paid tribute to all people involved in the recovery operations, who have worked under stressful and challenging conditions to empty wagons, lift wagons with a crane, focus on track repairs and liaise with customers to tailor individual freight solutions to minimise disruption.

"I thank every single TasRail employee who has contributed to this recovery operation and also recognise the patience of our important customers as services are being restored," Mr Dietrich said.

"From the moment we were alerted to this incident, it has been a huge team effort across all terminals and on site in Devonport to activate and implement our Emergency Response Protocol.

"I sincerely thank Tasmania Police, who instantly mobilised all resources to assist, as well as emergency services personnel who treated the two people injured on site. I have today again spoken to the people who were injured and I am delighted to hear they are recovering well. I again expressed TasRail's thoughts and best wishes for a speedy recovery.

"I also thank the Devonport City Council and the wider community for their support and patience as roads are closed and public infrastructure is repaired."

Three wagons have now been cleared from the site by crane, a fourth is currently being prepped for lift and the last of the product is being extracted from the remaining three wagons.

TasRail will meet with the Australian Transport Safety Bureau tomorrow and as soon as the site is fully cleared by ATSB, the final wagons and locomotive will be removed.

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