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TASRAIL UNVEILS ITS TWO NEW LOCOMOTIVES

Another major milestone in the revitalisation of the Tasmanian rail network was realised today with the unveiling of the first two of TasRail's 17 new TR class locomotives at TasRail's East Tamar Junction facility.

Speaking at the unveiling ceremony TasRail CEO Damien White stated the new locomotives would allow for significant efficiency gains across the network, primarily in the areas of fuel usage, haulage capacity along with lower maintenance costs and increased environmental benefits.

The Locomotives, which arrived in the state earlier this month are presently undergoing their two-month acceptance and commissioning trials ahead of their integration into the rail network.

"This really is a red-letter day for TasRail, and marks the culmination of two years of hard work across the organisation from when we signed the contract of supply with Downer EDI and Progress Rail back in December 2011." He said.

Mr White said interest in the new locomotives and other new TasRail assets, such as the Tamper and Ballast Regulator was strong in the Tasmanian community and beyond.

"It's fantastic to see Tasmanians taking an interest in the revitalisation of the rail network and TasRail more generally, which is why we'll be making the new locomotives publicly available for viewing at multiple locations across Tasmania early in the new year.

"More importantly, I am looking forward to seeing the new fleet of locomotives in use across the network significantly increasing our capacity to service our customers in a safe, efficient and reliable way."

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