

MEDIA RELEASE

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Residents asked to remain vigilant during NW capital works project

TasRail is currently undertaking a major capital works program that will see concrete sleepers progressively installed across some areas of the West Line of the Tasmanian Rail Network.

TasRail will be undertaking further consultation with residents in the affected areas between west Ulverstone and Sulphur Bay with work to begin on March 24 and to be completed by June 30.

Tasrail and contractors Downer Australia have performed a rigorous analysis/review of the planned works in concert with a local bird expert that recognises the sensitivity of the environment, especially the local penguin population, to minimise any concerns.

TasRail executive manager of corporate relations Polly McGee said TasRail would be communicating with residents of affected areas via doorknocks and mailouts in the coming days.

Further information will be provided online at www.tasrail.com.au.

“Residents and the general public are asked to remain vigilant and patient while works are performed over the next few months, particularly in regard to accessing the track due to unexpected rail movements and accessing sites that may be impacted by the work in progress,” Ms McGee said.

“Particular attention should be provided to ensure children are informed about proposed activities.”

TasRail with Downer Australia have scheduled meetings detailing the work plans for stakeholders:

- March 19 5pm Sulphur Creek residents meeting trackside
- March 20 5pm Preservation Bay residents meeting trackside
- March 25 5pm Penguin residents at the Penguin Railway Station
- March 26 4.30pm Three Sisters Preservation Area meeting trackside
- March 26 5.30pm Goat Island Reserve residents meeting trackside



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Works will improve sections of the track between Ulverstone and Burnie. TasRail and Downer Australia will implement appropriate traffic management procedures as required.

A telephone hotline has been established for community questions or enquiries on **0409 216 707**.

For more information or comment:

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