

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### RAIL SAFETY CHRISTMAS RAIL SAFETY MESSAGE

On the first day of Christmas everyone stayed off the tracks and **remembered to look out for trains.**

On the second day of Christmas all the road users **obeyed railway level crossing signals and signs.**

On the third day of Christmas, the community sang '**Stop, Look and Live**' whenever they approached a railway level crossing.

On the fourth day of Christmas, Santa sent a message saying '**Don't put your life on the line**' and said he would be checking his list, and checking it twice!

On the fifth day of Christmas, all wise men **reported incidents of railway trespass and vandalism** to TasRail Train Control.

On the sixth day of Christmas, people living near the railway line had secure fencing and kept their **animals off the tracks.**

On the seventh day of Christmas, all adults and children learned **never go on the railway line** without TasRail's authorisation and track protection.

On the eighth day of Christmas, people were '**Rocking**' around the Christmas Tree' and **stayed away from the railway tracks.**

On the ninth day of Christmas, the jingle bells chimed '**Use your brains, tracks are for trains**' as they jingled all the way.

On the tenth day of Christmas, TasRail wished upon a star that everyone would '**Lose a minute, not a Life**'.

On the eleventh day of Christmas, TasRail made a sign that said '**Freight trains can't stop but you can**' and asked the media to *Let it show, let it show, let it show!*

On the twelfth day of Christmas, there were no near misses, no trespass, no vandalism, no animals on the railway line, no level crossing incidents and everyone had a **Merry Little Christmas.**

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TasRail would like to take this opportunity to urge the community to think about rail safety over this holiday season.

### Snapshot - Tasmanian Level Crossing Statistics

	2014/15 Year to Date	2013/14	2012/13	2011/2012	2010/2011
Number of reported 'near miss' incidents at railway level crossings	52	105	103	69	118
Number of railway level crossing collisions	1	2	1	2	7
Number of level crossing fatalities		1	0	1	2
Number of reported rail trespass incidents	36	63	54		

**Ends**

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### About TasRail

*TasRail is a State-owned Company, established on 1 December 2009 by an Act of the Tasmanian Parliament. The principal objectives of the business are set out in the Rail Company Act 2009 and require the Company to operate a rail business in Tasmania, effectively and efficiently and to operate its activities in accordance with sound commercial practice.*

*With a workforce of around 240 men and women, Tasmania's current freight task is approximately 2.6 million tonnes per year – generating annual revenue in the order of \$37 million.*

*TasRail conservatively estimates that the freight it transports by rail each year effectively removes the equivalent of 200,000 B-Double truck movements from the State's road network.*