

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### MINOR DERAILMENT ON WESTERN LINE

A TasRail train has had one wagon carrying a container derail while travelling north through Penguin. TasRail crews are currently working to clear the site.

The front two wheels of one bogie have come off the track, however the container is upright and does not contain dangerous goods.

TasRail staff at the scene of the incident have reported that damage is contained to the railway track.

Acting TasRail COO George Pitt said that all incidents involving TasRail people and assets were serious.

“Safety is paramount at TasRail, and I am pleased to confirm that no one was injured in this incident,” Mr Pitt said.

The derailment was immediately reported to the Rail Safety Regulator, and Australian Transport Safety Bureau and will be subject to a full internal investigation.

“While it is disappointing the derailment has occurred, significant work to improve the safety and reliability of the track across TasRail’s network is ongoing.”

Mr Pitt stated that reliability and confidence in the network was paramount to TasRail customers, and track management was a critical part of the rail revitalisation program.

“I am confident as we roll out the concrete sleeper program, and remain vigilant with our program of track maintenance, these incidents will continue to decrease.”

TasRail is notifying customers impacted by the derailment. Services across the rest of the network remain unaffected.

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