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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Standing Committee on Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development & Local Government Committee

Chair: Catherine King MP

Committee report update: Train Illumination

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government is updating its 2004 report titled: *Train Illumination: inquiry into some measures proposed to improve train visibility and reduce level crossing accidents.*

The Committee's decision to re-visit this issue arose from its concern about the number of level crossing incidents since its previous report. Sadly, one day after the Committee's resolution to update its report, a fatal level crossing incident has occurred near Cardwell, Queensland. This tragic accident highlights the need to re-examine what measures are being taken around Australia to improve safety at level crossings.

The Committee invites interested persons and organisations to make submissions addressing any issue raised in the Committee's *Train Illumination* report by Friday 23 January 2009.

Further information, including an electronic copy of the *Train Illumination* report, and advice on making submissions, can be found at: <u>http://www.aph.gov.au/itrdlg</u>

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