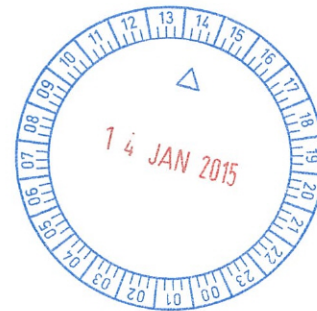


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Dear Ms Parson,

INQUIRY INTO RAIL SAFETY NATIONAL LAW (WA) BILL 2014.

The Australasian Railway Association (ARA) is a not-for-profit member-based association that represents rail throughout Australia and New Zealand. Our members include operators, track owners and managers, manufacturers, construction companies and other firms contributing to the rail sector.

The ARA strongly supports the Bill.

The ARA notes passage of the Bill will ensure Western Australia follows the national rail safety law through adoption of this Bill and the repeal of the *Rail Safety Act 2010*. This will be particularly important for our members who operate within Western Australia and across other jurisdictions (interstate operators) as it will assist in delivering economic and efficient rail operations for those members.

National consistency and uniformity is a critical importance to the rail industry as it means interstate operators or track owners/managers that carry interstate fleet can adopt a cost-saving one stop shop approach to safety regulation. For intrastate operators, the operational structure of the Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator (ONRSR) brings a local focus within a national approach.

Yours sincerely,



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