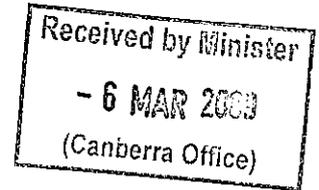




NEW SOUTH WALES

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The Hon Anthony Albanese MP  
Minister for Infrastructure, Transport,  
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Parliament House  
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Dear Minister, *Anthony*

I am writing in reply to your letter of 9 February 2009 about the new Boom Gates for Rail Crossings program. I would like to thank the Australian Government for its planned investment in this important area of transport safety.

The New South Wales Government has prepared a list of rail level crossings proposed for inclusion in the Boom Gates for Rail Crossings program. The list has been developed through joint discussions between RailCorp, the Rail Infrastructure Corporation (RIC) and the Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC), and initial consultation with the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA). The level crossings are all within the parameters of the Australian Government's funding requirements with the assessment for determining the list based on the following criteria:

- Public-road and pedestrian passively protected crossings only were considered;
- The ALCAM risk ranking for these crossings was considered;
- To the extent available, incident and near miss data was considered as well as local knowledge and experience;
- If the crossings were likely to be addressed by agreed future work programs they were not considered; and
- In the case of the RIC Country Regional Network (CRN), priority was given to heavily trafficked and lines with passenger operations.

I am mindful that NSW will need to meet any cost overruns and am therefore proposing the top 45 level crossings on the attached list for upgrade, of which two are on the RailCorp network, one is on a private rail line which crosses a public road and connects to the ARTC network, 10 are on the RIC network, and 32 are on the ARTC network. Subject to on-site assessment confirming there are no major obstacles to the works proceeding, NSW is confident these 45 sites can all be upgraded according to your program scope, timeframe and funding allocation. NSW will review progress once more accurate cost estimates are available to determine the scope for including other sites in the program from the additional 20 on the list.

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I am advised that delivery of the program in NSW to the Commonwealth's timeframe would be best enabled by the NSW funding allocation being provided directly to the ARTC which would deliver the upgrades on the NSW networks. I am requesting your endorsement of this approach. As you would be aware in NSW ARTC is responsible for the interstate mainlines and the Hunter Valley network and is the effective operator of the RIC, Country Regional Network. Not only is ARTC therefore the best placed rail agency in NSW to deliver the program, cost efficiencies for the program are likely through ARTC capacity to bulk purchase required materials for all states, not only NSW, and I understand ARTC is sourcing signalling expertise which is currently in short supply in NSW.

I am advised the rail crossings in the list are not included in NSW Government's Level Crossing Improvement Program (LCIP). NSW will not shift current funds for rail crossings away from the LCIP program and will comply with reporting requirements established for both the Commonwealth Boom Gates for Rail Crossings program and the NSW LCIP.

The New South Wales Government is committed to ensuring that the projects will be undertaken without delay.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Campbell', written in a cursive style.

**David Campbell MP**  
**Minister for Transport**  
**Minister for the Illawarra**

| Rail Owner                           | Road Name                                  | Location                   | Rail Line Name            | Rail km  | Type of Existing Protection |
|--------------------------------------|--|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------|-----------------------------|
| 1 Australian Rail Track Corporation  | Woods Road                                 | Craven                     | North Coast               | 290.724  | Stop Signs                  |
| 2 South Maitland Railways            | Cesnock Road / Caledonia Street            | Kearsley                   | South Maitland - Cessnock | 213.502  | Stop Signs                  |
| 3 RailCorp                           | Jaspers Brush Road                         | Jaspers Brush              | Illawarra                 | 145.072  | Stop Signs                  |
| 4 Australian Rail Track Corporation  | Kenilworth Street                          | Denman                     | Ulan                      | 313.452  | Stop Signs                  |
| 5 Australian Rail Track Corporation  | Tambar Springs Road                        | Connemarra                 | Binnaway - Gap            | 503.480  | Give Way Signs              |
| 6 Australian Rail Track Corporation  | Iona Park Road                             | Calwalla                   | Unanderra - Moss Vale     | 145.335  | Stop Signs                  |
| 7 Rail Infrastructure Corporation    | Kootingal Road (Denman)                    | Kootingal                  | Main North                | 471.779  | Stop Signs                  |
| 8 Rail Infrastructure Corporation    | Railway Street                             | Nemingha                   | Main North                | 462.244  | Stop Signs                  |
| 9 Australian Rail Track Corporation  | Purvis Lane                                | Dubbo                      | Dubbo - Coonamble         | 465.764  | Stop Signs                  |
| 10 RailCorp                          | O'Keefe's Lane                             | Jaspers Brush              | Illawarra                 | 144.378  | Stop Signs                  |
| 11 Australian Rail Track Corporation | Lowes Creek Road                           | Quipolly                   | Main North                | 401.873  | Stop Signs                  |
| 12 Australian Rail Track Corporation | Carrick Road                               | Carrick                    | Main South                | 204.970  | Stop Signs                  |
| 13 Australian Rail Track Corporation | Eastbank Road                              | Nana Glen                  | North Coast               | 636.858  | Stop Signs                  |
| 14 Australian Rail Track Corporation | Public Road                                | Denman                     | Ulan                      | 321.857  | Stop Signs                  |
| 15 Rail Infrastructure Corporation   | Evans Plains Road / Hen & Chicken Lane     | Perthville                 | Main West                 | 247.175  | Stop Signs                  |
| 16 Australian Rail Track Corporation | Magpie - Qurindi Road                      | Spring Ridge               | Binnaway - Gap            | 557.336  | Give Way Signs              |
| 17 Australian Rail Track Corporation | Coles Lane                                 | Yarra                      | Main South                | 235.186  | Stop Signs                  |
| 18 Australian Rail Track Corporation | Collombatti Link Road                      | Tamban                     | North Coast               | 515.875  | Stop Signs                  |
| 19 Australian Rail Track Corporation | Gurrindah Road (Mutmutbilly Road)          | Breadalbane                | Main South                | 249.066  | Stop Signs                  |
| 20 Australian Rail Track Corporation | Glenyalla Road                             | Kankool                    | Main North                | 368.990  | Stop Signs                  |
| 21 Rail Infrastructure Corporation   | Long Pt Road                               | Mullion Creek              | Main West                 | 339.531  | Stop Signs                  |
| 22 Australian Rail Track Corporation | Gap Road                                   | Gap                        | Binnaway - Gap            | 598.593  | Stop Signs                  |
| 23 Australian Rail Track Corporation | Dolly's Flat Road                          | Killawarra                 | North Coast               | 362.885  | Stop Signs                  |
| 24 Australian Rail Track Corporation | Old South Road (Bicentennial Nation Trail) | Cullarin                   | Main South                | 256.489  | Stop Signs                  |
| 25 Rail Infrastructure Corporation   | Bootheba Road                              | Dubbo                      | Dubbo - Coonamble         | 467.213  | Stop Signs                  |
| 26 Australian Rail Track Corporation | Public Road                                | Gunningbland               | Orange - Broken Hill      | 470.378  | Stop Signs                  |
| 27 Rail Infrastructure Corporation   | Nyngan Yard / Mitchell Highway             | Nyngan                     | Main West                 | 621.550  | TBA                         |
| 28 Rail Infrastructure Corporation   | Fitzroy Street                             | Narrabri                   | Main North West           | 568.850  | Stop Signs                  |
| 29 Australian Rail Track Corporation | Red Lane                                   | Koolkhan                   | North Coast               | 708.038  | Stop Signs                  |
| 30 Australian Rail Track Corporation | Oolong Road                                | Oolong Rd                  | Main South                | 288.173  | Stop Signs                  |
| 31 Australian Rail Track Corporation | Mirati Road                                | Kilbride                   | North Coast               | 222.653  | Stop Signs                  |
| 32 Australian Rail Track Corporation | Menindee Yard                              | Menindee                   | Orange - Broken Hill      | 1006.910 | Stop Signs                  |
| 33 Australian Rail Track Corporation | Young Road                                 | Bribbaree                  | Stockinbingal - Parkes    | 500.272  | Stop Signs                  |
| 34 Rail Infrastructure Corporation   | Ploughmans Lane                            | Orange                     | Orange - Broken Hill      | 327.245  | Stop Signs                  |
| 35 Australian Rail Track Corporation | South Bank Road                            | Eungal                     | North Coast               | 534.282  | Stop Signs                  |
| 36 Australian Rail Track Corporation | Broadway Road                              | Jerrawa                    | Main South                | 296.823  | Stop Signs                  |
| 37 Australian Rail Track Corporation | Mogo Road                                  | Wollar                     | Ulan                      | 415.115  | Stop Signs                  |
| 38 Australian Rail Track Corporation | Cootamundra Road - Ellis Street            | Stockinbingal              | Cootamundra - Griffith    | 452.764  | Stop Signs                  |
| 39 Australian Rail Track Corporation | Brown's Crossing Road                      | Macksville (Warrell Creek) | North Coast               | 538.525  | Stop Signs                  |

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|---|--------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|
| 40 Australian Rail Track Corporation  | Public Road                          | Wollar         | Ulan                     | 420.062 | Stop Signs                  |
| 41 Rail Infrastructure Corporation  | Gostwyck Road                        | Kelly's Plains | Main North               | 572.242 | Stop Signs                  |
| 42 Australian Rail Track Corporation  | Bowral Street                        | Bowral         | Main South               | 136.955 | Pedestrian                  |
| 43 Rail Infrastructure Corporation  | Huntly Road                          | Spring Hill    | Main West                | 312.514 | Stop Signs                  |
| 44 Australian Rail Track Corporation  | Carrs Peninsular Road                | Koolkhan       | North Coast              | 704.326 | Stop Signs                  |
| 45 Australian Rail Track Corporation  | Yarrawa Road                         | Moss Vale      | Main South               | 146.893 | Pedestrian                  |
| 46 - 65 are supplementary sites for potential inclusion in program, <u>subject to determination of firmer cost estimates for upgrade of 1 - 45.</u> |                                      |                |                          |         |                             |
| 46 Australian Rail Track Corporation  | Forbes Road                          | Yarrabandai    | Orange - Broken Hill     | 504.408 | Stop Signs                  |
| 47 Australian Rail Track Corporation  | Tereel Road (Johnson Creek Road)     | Wards River    | North Coast              | 283.084 | Stop Signs                  |
| 48 Rail Infrastructure Corporation  | Polaris Street                       | Temora         | Cootamundra - Griffith   | 489.520 | Stop Signs                  |
| 49 Rail Infrastructure Corporation  | Cooper Drive                         | Clandulla      | Wallerawang - Mudgee     | 241.270 | Stop Signs                  |
| 50 Australian Rail Track Corporation  | Public Road                          | Derriwong      | Orange - Broken Hill     | 528.370 | Stop Signs                  |
| 51 Rail Infrastructure Corporation  | Wyalong Road                         | Reefton        | Temora - Lake Cargelligo | 517.996 | Give Way Signs              |
| 52 Australian Rail Track Corporation  | Pooncarie Road                       | Darnick        | Orange - Broken Hill     | 880.728 | Stop Signs                  |
| 53 Rail Infrastructure Corporation  | Timbumburi Street (Duri Street)      | Duri           | Main North               | 436.675 | Stop Signs                  |
| 54 Australian Rail Track Corporation  | Public Road                          | Trida          | Orange - Broken Hill     | 749.390 | Stop Signs                  |
| 55 Rail Infrastructure Corporation  | Bypass Road                          | West Wyalong   | Temora - Lake Cargelligo | 555.824 | Give Way Signs              |
| 56 Australian Rail Track Corporation  | MR22                                 | Eubalong West  | Orange - Broken Hill     | 618.229 | Stop Signs                  |
| 57 Rail Infrastructure Corporation  | Bald Hill Road                       | Edgeroi        | Main North West          | 593.420 | Stop Signs                  |
| 58 Rail Infrastructure Corporation  | Brewongle Lane                       | Brewongle      | Main West                | 225.006 | Stop Signs                  |
| 59 Rail Infrastructure Corporation  | Nash Street                          | Parkes         | Orange - Broken Hill     | 443.527 | Stop Signs                  |
| 60 Rail Infrastructure Corporation  | Cudal / Manildra Road / Boree Street | Manildra       | Orange - Broken Hill     | 385.486 | Stop Signs                  |
| 61 Rail Infrastructure Corporation  | Bathampton Road                      | Wimbleton      | Main West                | 262.927 | Stop Signs                  |
| 62 Rail Infrastructure Corporation  | Lake Street                          | Ganmain        | Junee - Griffith         | 538.088 | Stop Signs                  |
| 63 Rail Infrastructure Corporation  | Borenore Road / Amaroo Road          | Borenore       | Orange - Broken Hill     | 347.070 | Stop Signs                  |
| 64 Rail Infrastructure Corporation  | Clergate Lane                        | Clergate       | Main West                | 333.657 | Stop Signs                  |
| 65 Australian Rail Track Corporation  | Taylor's Road                        | Culcairn       | Main South               | 598.937 | Stop Signs                  |