



International Level Crossing Awareness Day (ILCAD)

3 June 2015

Statement from Mr Peter Reidy:

TrackSAFE Foundation New Zealand is pleased to support International Level Crossing Awareness Day (ILCAD) on 3 June 2015, with the theme “take your time, don’t risk your life”.

Every year in New Zealand people are injured or die in preventable incidents at level crossings. There are around 2600 level crossings in New Zealand and collisions with trains result in around 3 deaths and 14 serious injuries on average each year. There are around 22 level crossing collisions per year, and more than 52 per cent of these collisions occur at level crossings with active protection (barrier arms and/or flashing lights and bells).

Every year there are also hundreds of near collisions reported by train drivers. Recent research in New Zealand has shown that distraction, complacency and impatience are the key causes of level crossing collisions in our country.

TrackSAFE is proud to be part of the global community of organisations working to raise awareness about rail safety at level crossings. We are delighted to support and deliver the ILCAD campaign here “Downunder” and while we may be many thousands of miles away from other ILCAD organisations, the human behaviours at level crossings in New Zealand are almost identical to those in every other country in the world. We are united by a common desire to promote safe behaviours and we wish all ILCAD participants the very best for a successful awareness campaign around the globe.

TrackSAFE NZ is a registered charitable trust that aims to prevent harm to the public and reduce the trauma caused to rail employees.

TrackSAFE funding organisations are also supporters of ILCAD. This includes KiwiRail (New Zealand national rail operator), Transdev Auckland (operator of the Auckland passenger network) and the NZ Transport Agency (the government agency responsible for managing and regulating the land transport system in New Zealand).



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