



Anne ZWIERS

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Biography:

Anne Zwiers is Level Crossings Director at ProRail. She's taking up the cause for fewer and safer public level crossings on the Dutch rail network. Under the motto 'speed it up', she wants to get rid of all passive level crossings within five years.

ProRail, together with the Ministry of Infrastructure and Water, is responding to the challenge of speeding up implementation of the task of abolishing all passive public level crossings within five years. In order to get this done, Anne will be ensuring that the time schedules of regional administrative decision making are shorter, that the internal procedures of ProRail are accelerated, and that procedures are carefully put in place for stakeholders. She is an active connector, who is capable of working hard at a fast pace in collaboration with government and colleagues within ProRail in order to abolish the passive level crossings and make public crossings safer.

Anne has a great deal of experience in tackling the problem of public level crossings on rail infrastructure projects. Before she began as Level Crossings Director, she was project manager for the realisation of an Extra High-Speed Train between Leeuwarden and Groningen (called the ESGL in Dutch). For the ESGL project, she ensured, together with all the regional governmental bodies and stakeholders, that 14 active level crossings were refurbished, 2 active level crossings were replaced by an unlevel crossing, 5 passive level crossings were dismantled and one still passive level crossing will receive protective measures. All this is dedicated to improving the safety around public level crossings.