

# RESPECT THE SIGN. LIVES ARE ON THE LINE.

## Together, we can make level crossings in our communities safer.

There are more than 20,000 level crossings in local communities across Australia.

Each of these level crossings has a warning sign to protect you – as a pedestrian, cyclist, motorist or truck driver. Many crossings also have flashing lights, alarm bells and boom gates for added protection and safety.

These signs and safety systems are also there to protect train drivers. Every year, Australian train drivers experience more than a thousand near misses with cars, trucks and people at level crossings.

People often take unnecessary risks to save a few seconds – which sometimes results in a devastating collision.

Remember – trains cannot stop quickly or swerve. Every near miss, incident or fatality also impacts our train drivers. It can cause severe and ongoing trauma to them and their families.

Trains can weigh up to 14,000 tonnes or the equivalent of 9,000 cars. This means a fully loaded train can take up to two kilometres to come to a full stop or the equivalent of 20 football fields back-to-back.

We know there are other contributing factors as well to level crossing incidents and there is a significant amount of work and investment underway to improve safety for train crews and the general community.



### THESE STEPS INCLUDE:

- Technical and engineering solutions.
- Enforcement and regulatory activity.
- Raising education and awareness in the community.

### THIS WORK IS BEING UNDERTAKEN BY:

- The rail and road industries.
- All levels of government, enforcement and road safety agencies.
- Road safety and community organisations.

### SOME SIMPLE SAFETY TIPS:

- Obey all signs at the crossing and follow the directions.
- Look and listen for trains on the track.
- If a train is coming, wait for it to pass, then look and listen again because another train may be approaching.
- Only cross the rail line when you are sure it is safe to do so.
- Ensure you can proceed without stopping.