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To Whom It May Concern:

Draft Rail Safety National Law – Public Consultation

In December 2009 the Council of Australian Governments agreed to implement a single national rail safety regulator. It was also agreed that a national rail safety law be developed, which the Regulator will administer once operational in January 2013. The reform represents a landmark opportunity to realise a truly national system of rail safety regulation and is an exciting step towards reducing red tape and ensuring a safer and more efficient rail system for Australia.

The proposed National Law and accompanying draft regulatory impact statement will be released for public consultation on the NTC website <www.ntc.gov.au> from 18 July 2011, and remain open for comment until 12 August 2011.

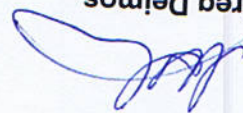
In addition, the NTC, in partnership with the National Rail Safety Regulator Project Office, will undertake 12 public information forums during July and August 2011. The forums will be held in metropolitan and regional locations around the country. Those interested can view forum information and register to attend at <www.emgevents.com/event/ntc> or by calling 1800 404 400.

The proposed National Law contains provisions that may impact on utility companies when carrying out works near a railway, and these are highlighted in the draft regulatory impact statement. The NTC would appreciate National Utility Locating Contractors Association notifying its membership of the reform, and encourages participation either through written comment or by attendance at the aforementioned forums.

The NTC appreciates your assistance and looks forward to your involvement in this process.

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Yours sincerely



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