

International Level Crossing Awareness Day (ILCAD)

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Statement:

"The TrackSAFE Foundation is pleased to support International Level Crossing Awareness Day (ILCAD) in its seventh year and will be promoting the common theme for this year of "Take your time, don't risk your life!" on 3 June.

ILCAD is an impressive initiative that brings global attention to level crossing safety which continues to be one of the Australian rail industry's major safety concerns.

Australia's rail network is the sixth largest in the world, with 44,000km of track and 23,500 level crossings across the network. There are around 150 collisions between pedestrians or vehicles with trains at level crossings resulting in death or serious injury in Australia every year.

Every near hit and collision on the rail network causes severe and lasting trauma for rail employees. TrackSAFE was established to endeavour to reduce rail incidents and address the resultant trauma caused to rail employees impacted.

Participating in ILCAD is important to the TrackSAFE Foundation as we are all addressing the same global issues and believe that more can be achieved by working together than alone. ILCAD must be congratulated yet again on what is sure to be another successful level crossing safety awareness-raising day!"