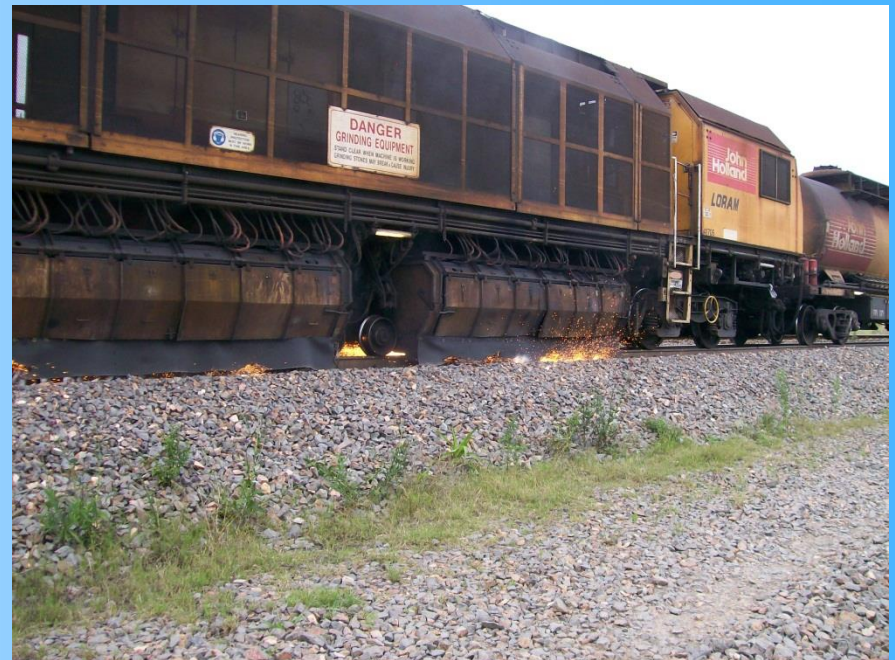


Review of regulation of 'railway systems activities' under the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997*



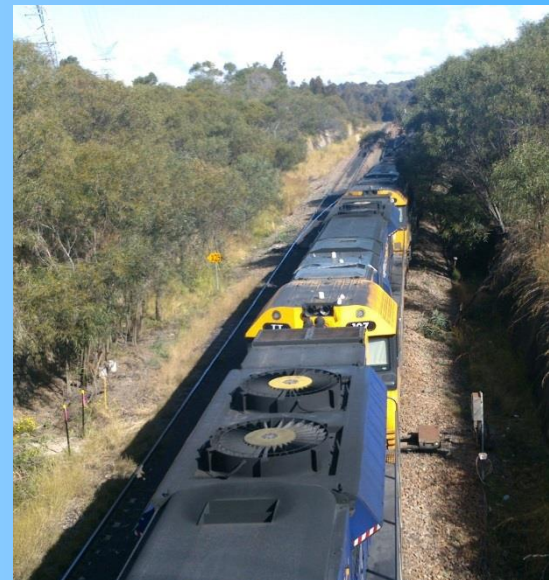
Current regulatory framework

- EPA licenses railway infrastructure operators
- Lack of accountability for rolling stock operators
- Has not provided on-the-ground results for environment and community

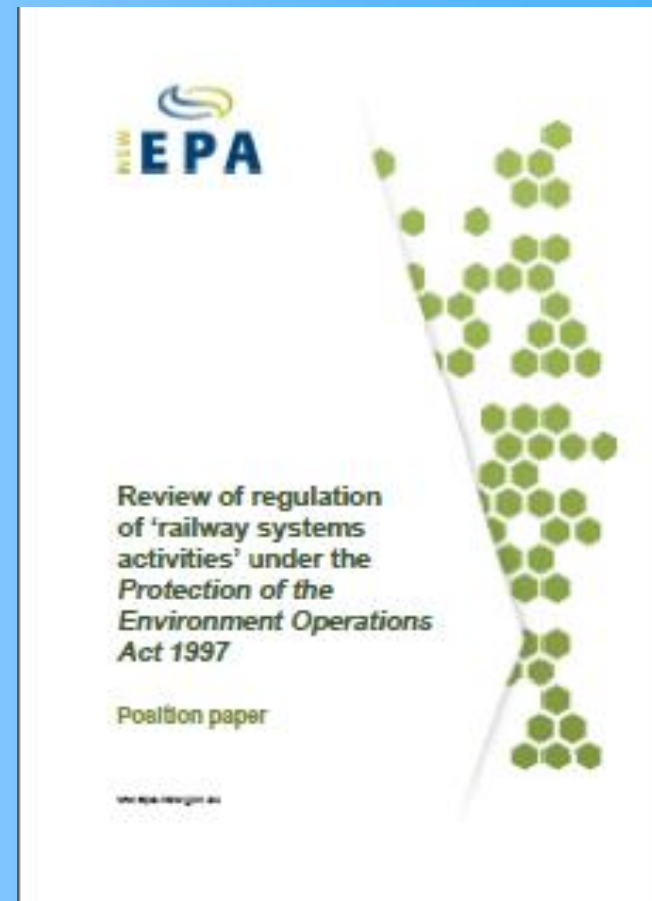


Overview of proposed framework

- Direct licensing of rolling stock operators (in addition to railway infrastructure operators)
- Decoupling of rail construction from the operation of rail network

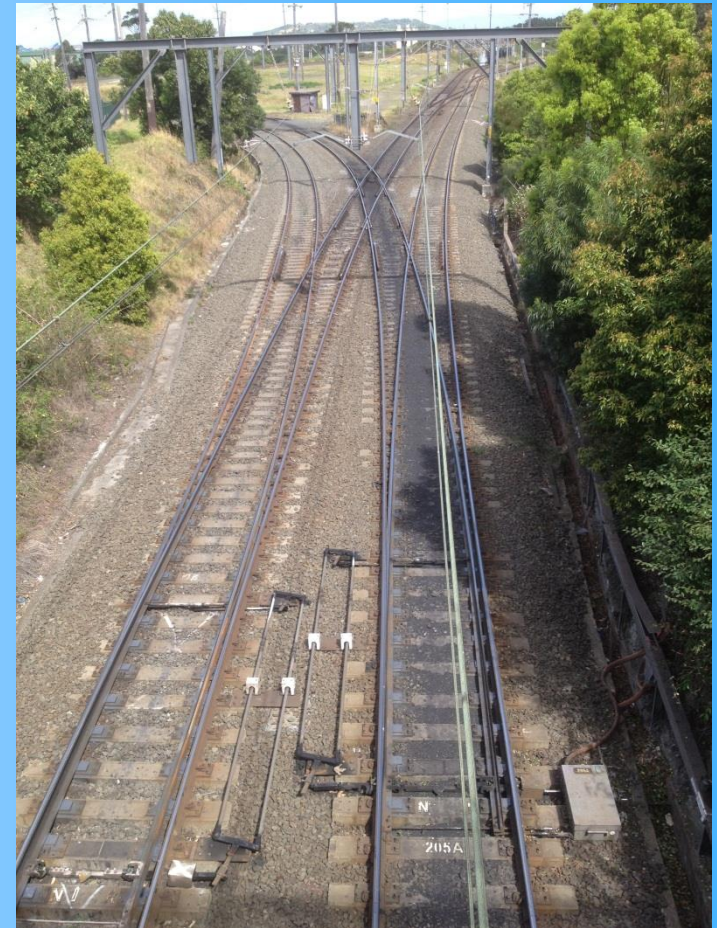


- Position Paper outlined proposed regulatory framework
- Publicly exhibited in September-October 2014
- 46 submissions received



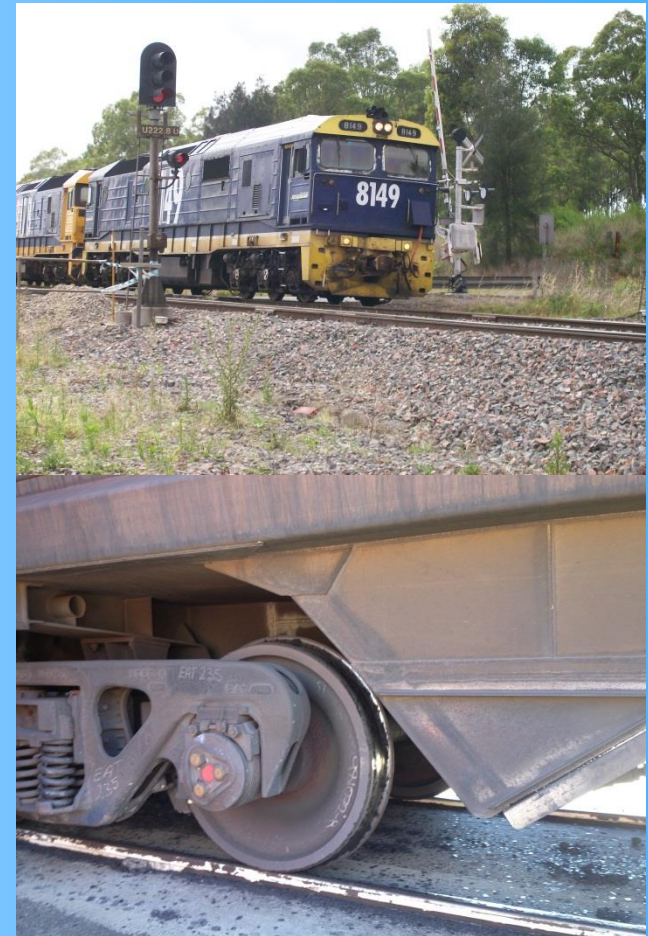
Licensing railway infrastructure operators

- Existing requirement to hold licence continues
- Railway system >30 km in length
- Operation, on-site repair, on-site maintenance (including maintenance vehicles) and on-site upgrading
- Current exemptions continue
- Light rail exempt



Licensing rolling stock operators

- New requirement to hold licence
- Railway system >30 km in length
- Includes locomotives and wagons
- Entity with management/control of locomotives deemed to be operator of rolling stock
- Heritage operators exempt



The Licences

- Requirements in the licences for railway infrastructure operators similar to those in existing licences
- Requirements in the licences for rolling stock operators similar to those in existing railway infrastructure operators licences PLUS requirements for noise and air emissions for locomotives

Key next steps

- **Exhibition of draft amendment regulation**
- **Review submissions and finalise regulation**
- **Amendment regulation implemented**
- **Working groups to develop content of the licences**
- **Transitional period**