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FLOODING MAITLAND – NEWCASTLE: UPDATE 2

Heavy flooding has subsided at Sandgate on the Australian Rail Track Corporation's (ARTC) Hunter Valley network throughout this morning to levels that allow us to start planning for a staged return to rail services.

Water damage to some of the signalling equipment between Sandgate and Warabrook requires repairs and surface water varies at different sections of the track.

While weather conditions have cooperated, our timeframes overnight and this morning have been contingent on river levels and tides.

We will return services gradually and in line with the conditions throughout the afternoon. There remains sporadic flooding across the network and at the Port, so we will continue to work closely with the Hunter Valley Coal Chain Coordinator to ensure a planned and safe return to coal services.

We would like to thank our customers and the community for their patience during this outage due to the severe weather conditions experienced over the last two days.

We encourage passenger rail commuters to regularly check www.sydneytrains.info and www.nswtrainlink.info throughout the day for the status of passenger services.

We will provide an update when trains are back running later today.

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