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## **UPGRADED RAIL FOR SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS LINE**

- **Essential rail maintenance work to improve rail condition**
- **Will improve temporary speed restriction delays on rail services**

The next two weeks (5 – 20 June) will see essential rail maintenance work take place along the Main South line in the Southern Highlands, the Australian Rail Track Corporation said today.

The maintenance involves critical re-railing work at a number of locations between Medway Junction (near Marulan) and Moss Vale, and has been brought forward to help improve current train running times through the Southern Highlands.

Re-railing involves removing sections of the rail track and replacing it with new rail. This requires accompanying works like welding and the use of heavy equipment and machinery like excavators, trucks and forklifts.

The work is critical to the safety and reliability of the rail line and to help carry out the work will involve large trucks moving in and out of the rail corridor, dropping off supplies and the use of heavy machinery in the rail corridor.

Initial work including unloading the rail at work sites, starts this Sunday 5 June.

Work will take place along the line at locations including Wingello, Bundanoon and Moss Vale.

Unfortunately some of the work will be disruptive, which can be noisy and dusty at times, and the freight network will be closed in various areas at various times over this period.

Work will be delivered during daylight hours and tack detonators may be in use during this time.

We will avoid working during the long weekend period (11-13 June).

We would like to thank the community for its patience during this essential rail maintenance work. The work will directly benefit train services through this area which are currently impacted by temporary speed restrictions.

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