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ARTC WELCOMES CLOSURE FROM CORONERS REPORT INTO SINGLETON RAIL DEATHS

Australian Rail Track Corporation is pleased that the coroner's final report into the deaths of two rail workers at Singleton in July 2007 will bring much needed closure for the families of the two men.

"While no words can alleviate the pain of such a loss, on behalf of ARTC I would again like to extend my deepest sympathy to the families of the two employees killed in this tragic accident. I hope and trust that the completion of the coroner's inquest will provide some real closure for them," ARTC CEO David Marchant said today.

ARTC will now examine the findings of the coroner's report in some detail.

In response to the coroner's recommendation that the "No Authority Required" rail corridor access authority not be used at night, ARTC has taken the front foot approach of already administratively directing that the NAR should not be used after dark.

The ARTC will also examine very closely the coroner's findings and comments regarding advice provided to train drivers when there are crews working on the track.

"This has been a difficult situation for all involved, however ARTC takes the coroner's findings very seriously and will examine them thoroughly in the interests of maintaining the highest safety standards on our rail corridors," Mr Marchant said.

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