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ARTC COMMITTED TO COMMUNITY CONSULTATION ON AMBLESIDE PASSING LOOP

Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) is engaging with the community and key stakeholders as part of the planning and evaluation stage of the Ambleside passing loop.

ARTC is keen to engage with landholders and other interested groups to obtain their views, listen to any concerns and minimise any impacts on the local community.

ARTC has issued a letter inviting landholders near or adjacent to the proposed crossing loop to meet one-on-one with project team members to discuss the project.

In addition a free call project enquiry line has been set up for all community contact – **1800 118 638**.

A community forum will be held in May, once the project team has had the opportunity to consider landholder views and outcomes of technical investigations and a preferred alignment for the crossing loop chosen.

Technical staff will be in attendance at the forum to answer any questions from the community and receive feedback.

Key agencies will also be engaged to discuss the proposal including Adelaide Hills Council, Native Vegetation Council, Department for Environment and Heritage, Environmental Protection Authority.

The loop itself will be approximately 2000m long and constructed adjacent to the existing mainline, suitable for the passing of 1800m long trains.

The location will be between Beaumont Road overpass and Spoehrs Road level crossing with all works intended to be within the existing rail corridor.

The new crossing loop will increase capacity and efficiency of the rail link, which will have the knock-on effect of providing a boost to local economies and deliver new jobs.

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