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UPDATE: BOGGABRI DERAILMENT

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ARTC has provided an update to the derailment of a coal train service just south of Boggabri yesterday afternoon.

Six wagons from a loaded coal service heading from Boggabri south to Newcastle derailed at Cox's Creek Bridge Crossing around 2.30pm.

The Office of Transport Safety Investigations (OTSI) and the Independent Transport Safety Regulator (ITSR) have been notified of the incident, and both authorities are on-site investigating the incident today, an ARTC spokesperson said.

“While these investigations are taking place, ARTC has mobilised a team of technical and infrastructure specialists on site to plan what is likely to be an extensive recovery and repair task.

“After clearance is given from the regulators, ARTC will work with the rail operator on the complex job of recovering the derailed wagons safely and then undertaking a detailed assessment of the damage caused.

“We will then turn our attention to repairing the track infrastructure. Initial indications are that significant damage has been caused to the bridge and the track – and comprehensive repairs will be required.

“As a result, there is currently no forecast or estimate to returning the track to service at this stage and the line remains closed.”

The cause of the derailment will be subject to the investigations of OTSI and ITSR.

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