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Notification of safety upgrades around Narrogin Rail Depot

Dear Parents and Teachers,

On behalf of Arc Infrastructure I would like to advise you that works will soon commence to upgrade the security of the Narrogin Rail Depot to increase pedestrian safety around the railway.

In the coming weeks you will see construction works begin at our site located at 1 Francis Street. Together with local contractors, we are creating a boundary fence around the Narrogin Rail Offices with our team expected to complete works within three weeks.

With all activities occurring on freight railway land, this will not cause any disruption to vehicles along Francis Street during or after construction.

The new fence will provide clear delineation from neighbouring properties, greater security for Arc Infrastructure's offices, vehicles, equipment and personnel in Narrogin and prohibit unauthorised access to our site, which has occurred in the past.

The fence line will also help direct pedestrians towards the level crossing at Herald Street for those wishing to cross the rail line.

In the past, it has been the practice of some pedestrians, including school children, to cut across railway land and onto the tracks in order to save time when commuting across town. Once the fencing works are complete, pedestrians will no longer be able to make this shortcut and will instead be directed to the nearby level crossing or north to the pedestrian footbridge.

Arc Infrastructure encourages safe behaviour around the network at all times and encourages all pedestrians and vehicles to cross the rail line safely. In the last 12 months, nearly 220 incidents have occurred on Arc Infrastructure's network across Western Australia, including trespass, vandalism, hits and near hits with trains.

A train on the network can weigh more than 4,000 tonnes and may be travelling at speeds up to 80km per hour. Due to train size, length and weight, it can take a train up to 2km to stop. That's almost the equivalent of 11 football fields.

We all have a role to play in ensuring the safety around the railway. Waiting just a couple of minutes for a train to pass, or crossing at designated level crossings could save your life.

These fencing works are part of Arc Infrastructure's ongoing investment in the freight rail network, ensuring the continued integrity and safety of the network and its operation hubs that together provide a vital transport link to the rest of the State and the country.

Arc Infrastructure is committed to ensuring local residents are aware of activities which occur within their communities. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the works, I encourage you to contact our Corporate Affairs team on 9212 2936 or alternatively at corporate.affairs@arcinfra.com.

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