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# **Train Illumination**

**Inquiry into some measures proposed to improve train visibility  
and reduce level crossing accidents**

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## **Terms of reference**

The 2002 -2003 annual report of the Department of Transport and Regional Services refers to the implementation of a number of key strategies to:

- support safer transport services;
- lead the development nationally of more consistency in rail regulatory arrangements; and
- develop the Commonwealth's role in rail safety and investigation.

Arising from this the committee is inquiring into some of the measures that have been proposed to improve train visibility and reduce level crossing accidents. In particular, the committee is examining the practicality of installing additional lighting on trains.







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The Committee recommends that the Australian Government take steps, through the Transport Ministers Council, to require that all locomotives and rolling stock in the Australian rail industry are fitted with standard reflective strips or reflective paint and that all locomotives are fitted with rotating beacons lights.

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The committee recommends that the Australian Government seek the national adoption of a level crossing risk scoring system based on the Queensland model and adapted for local conditions.

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The Committee recommends that the Australian Government initiate, through the Transport Ministers Council, a program to install, as a minimum, rumble strips at high accident risk level crossings.

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The Committee recommends that the Australian Government through the Transport Ministers Council, support continued research into the efficacy of train activated rumble strips with a view to the installation of these strips at the most dangerous level crossings.

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The Committee recommends that the Department of Transport and Regional Services, with state transport departments, formally look at the Canadian based level crossing education program, 'Operation Lifesaver', for the possible adoption into Australian state road safety programs.

