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Sand Technology to be Installed on 64 Trains

The RTBU is delighted to learn that the Government is prepared to fund the installation of the required safety technology on the 160/260 trains in the Brisbane Suburban network.

The RTBU State Secretary, Owen Doogan, said “this vindicates the position of our Drivers who had experienced wheel slips on these classes of train and had expressed their concerns about them.”

“After the Cleveland crash the RTBU led the charge for improvements to the braking system as our Drivers identified a potential danger, particularly in certain units of the 160/260 class.”

The RTBU also applauds the steps being taken to improve the track.

Owen Doogan said “However, the total vindication of rail workers and the identification of the need for installation of technology to improve the braking system removes the inference that our members may have been partly responsible for this accident.

“The RTBU, and more importantly, our Traincrew members, ensured that the focus on the flaws in the braking system were exposed and remedied”.

The Union applauds the prompt action of the Minister in authorising the introduction of this brake technology fix.

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