



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **ARA applauds Victoria's latest level crossing project**

The Victorian and Commonwealth Governments are allocating \$140 million of the 2009/10 budgets to run railway tracks below the Springvale Road, Nunawading and remove the high risk level crossing.

The Australasian Railway Association (ARA) Chief Executive Officer, Mr Bryan Nye welcomes the announcement and applauds the Victorian and Commonwealth Governments for their continued efforts to improve level crossing safety.

Announced yesterday by Victorian Premier John Brumby, and set for completion by 2010, the project will improve the safety of road users, train drivers and train passengers using the intersection.

"There is no doubt this is a great initiative. Eliminating high risk level crossings through grade separation leads to a safer road and rail network for all road users" Mr Nye said.

"Springvale Road, Nunawading has always been a high risk level crossing. It's great to see the Victorian Government with the Commonwealth Government's funding assistance moving forward to improve level crossing safety. This project is key for the constant development of level crossing safety" he continued.

Level crossing safety is the Rail Industry's highest safety priority. It uses the 4E's to boost safety at level crossings; education, engineering, enforcement and 'enough is enough' – no new level crossings unless they are grade separated.

"On average, 37 road users die as a result of accidents at Australian level crossings every year. The Rail Industry believes every single collision is avoidable and continues to work towards the goal of zero deaths at level crossings" Mr Nye concluded.

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