

RAIL INDUSTRY AWARDS

AUSTRALIA + NEW ZEALAND

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Freight Rail Excellence Award

Judged by the Australasian Railway Association (ARA)



Criteria

Nominees must provide evidence of excellence in one or more of the following criteria:

- Attraction of new freight business to rail;
- Revenue and business growth, job creation;
- Innovation and flexibility in meeting customer requirements, including the adaptation of services or products;
- Communication with customers and suppliers;
- Targeted planned investment;
- Performance and safety improvement.

Addressing the Criteria

Nominating organisations must provide a statement to address the following, in line with the criteria.

1. Excellence in the attraction of new freight business to rail.
400-word limit.
2. Excellence in revenue and business growth; job creation.
400-word limit.
3. Excellence in innovation and flexibility in meeting customer requirements, including the adaptation of services and products.
400-word limit.
4. Excellence in communication with customers and suppliers.
400-word limit.

5. Excellence in targeted, planned investment. *400-word limit.*
6. Excellence in performance and safety improvement. *400-word limit.*
7. Why should your organisation receive the Freight Rail Excellence Award? *200-word limit.*
8. Do you give permission for key points from your nomination, to be shared with the wider rail industry? See supporting documents item (b) below.

Supporting documents

- a. Supporting Material: Options. *10-page limit.*
- b. Overview of Nomination: Please upload an overview of your nomination with contact details for inclusion in the Rail Knowledge Bank and Awards website. *One-page limit.*