

RAIL INDUSTRY AWARDS

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Nominate now

Rail Innovation of the Year Award

Judged by the Australasian Railway Association (ARA)



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Innovation is the cornerstone of any industry. Remaining competitive in the rail industry requires working smarter, working to get more out of existing resources, innovating and putting those innovations to work. The Rail Innovation of the Year Award recognises leadership through the practical application of innovative solutions for new and existing market needs resulting in a commercial, environmental and/or social benefit.

Criteria

Nominees must meet at least three of the five criteria:

- Developed an innovation in a specified core area of the organisation that can contribute to improved business practice and/or an improved user experience;
- Are using or plan to use the new innovation in everyday practice;
- Have thoroughly tested and proven the safety of the new innovation;
- Provide evidence on how the innovation contributed to improved business practice, the industry's betterment, or an improved user experience; or
- Can demonstrate consultation/engagement in introducing the innovation and how people were brought along.

Questions to address

1. Brief description of the innovation developed by the organisation
400-word limit.
2. Has the innovative been tested and proven to be safe and effective?
Give an example of these results. *400-word limit.*
3. How has this innovation contributed to improved business practice
or the betterment of the industry as a whole? Please provide figures
if possible and appropriate. *500-word limit.*
4. Give examples of how the organisation/ industry is using or plans to
use the new innovation in everyday practice? *400-word limit.*
5. Why should your organisation receive the Rail Innovation of the Year
Award? *200-word limit.*
6. 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.*