

Parattah Rail Siding

REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
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Based on strong industry demand TasRail has made the decision to reopen the Parattah Log Siding on the South Line of the Tasmanian Rail Network. The Siding was once a major log yard, which has in recent years been used as a staging point for TasRail's ongoing infrastructure works in the region. The Tasmanian and Australian Governments' investment into the freight rail network has delivered strong growth in rail volumes in recent years. Tranche One of the Freight Rail Revitalisation program, which is part of the Australian Government's Infrastructure Investment Program (IIP), has allowed rail, sleepers, formation and bridges across the Tasmanian network to be upgraded to a fit-for-purpose standard – the result being increased demand from existing and new customers.



"The Tasmanian Freight Rail Revitalisation project (funded by the Tasmanian and Australian Governments) is enabling TasRail to reactivate the rail infrastructure at Parattah that has been idle for a number of decades.

- TasRail CEO Steven Dietrich



WHAT ARE THE CHANGES

As a location, Parattah is of strategic importance to TasRail and its freight customers. An increase in the volume and demand for logs to be hauled on rail necessitates the recommissioning the Siding.

TasRail will invest around \$800k on rail infrastructure at Parattah through the Tasmanian Freight Rail Revitalisation project.

Site works will include the re-establishment of the rail siding (already complete) and fit-for-purpose log storage and loading facilities, consistent with how the facility was originally operated. A truck weighbridge will also be installed (as with previous operations) as part of supply chain safety for users.



TIMELINE AND HOURS OF OPERATION

Train operations will continue 24/7 however the Siding will only open for log deliveries from 06:30 to 17:00 hours, 5 days a week. Wagons will be loaded during these hours only. The project aims to be operational in the second half of 2019. Track work in the area has already commenced.

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STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

TasRail will maintain a regular and open dialogue with its stakeholders, including neighbouring communities, to develop efficient and co-operative working relationships.

TasRail is committed to proactive community engagement. Information flyers, appropriate signage or advertising via suitable media platforms will be activated during construction and start-up. A telephone hotline has been established for community questions or enquiries. Telephone the hotline on mobile 0409 216 707 (business hours, mobile charges apply).

Parattah Log Siding construction works



"TasRail continues to rebuild the State's rail network infrastructure, connecting and enabling Tasmanian businesses and industry."

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QUESTIONS

Should you have any questions or concerns, please the Project Manager at parattahsiding@tasrail.com.au.

TasRail is committed to improving the safety and reliability of the railway network in the region and looks forward to implementing these important upgrade works.