Dear Parent or Guardian

**RAIL ELECTRIFICATION ‘SWITCHED ON’ FROM 17 JUNE 2013**

South Australia’s public transport system is undergoing a major overhaul to transform Adelaide’s public transport network into a state-of-the-art modern, sustainable system providing faster, more frequent and efficient services for commuters.

New electric trains are being built for use on our newly electrified Seaford (formerly Noarlunga) and Tonsley lines, and on the Gawler line from Adelaide to Dry Creek.

Our new electric trains will start arriving this month, with the first electric services scheduled to run on the Adelaide to Seaford line early next year. Diesel trains will remain in use from September 2013 when the line re-opens and will run from Noarlunga to Adelaide; while extensive testing of the new trains and driver training will be undertaken on the section of track between Seaford and Noarlunga.

On 17 June 2013, electricity to the railway lines between Seaford and Hallett Cove Beach will be switched on, with the rest of the southern network to follow shortly after.

While passenger trains will not be operating until early 2014 from Seaford, overhead wires, their supports and fittings, will be electrified from Seaford to Hallett Cove Beach stations for training and testing.

Overhead wires and attachments within the rail corridor will therefore be dangerous if interfered with, carrying 25,000 volts of electricity. The system is designed, installed and maintained so that ordinary behaviour by the public will not pose a risk of injury. Like overhead wires on stobie poles on our streets, the railway wires are only dangerous if misused, and should be treated as carrying electric current at all times.

The key safety information we would like you to be aware of is as follows:

- The overhead wires and their fittings should be treated as being live and carrying electric current at all times - treat them like you would regular powerlines running over the street.

- The overhead wires will supply Adelaide’s new electric railcars with 25,000 volts of electricity.
• You must keep clear, and keep children clear of all structures within the railway corridor or between fences at all times. The area within the rail corridor should be considered dangerous.

• Trucks need to ensure they do not exceed height limits when crossing under electrified wires.

• Only access stations or cross railway lines via designated overpasses and pedestrian walkways.

We would appreciate it if you went through this important information with your child/children. As with all rail networks, safety is paramount and we appreciate your co-operation in keeping everyone safe around our rail lines, by helping to pass on this important message to others.

Kind Regards,

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Further information

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