

RTBU statement: Wollongong train derailment

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The thoughts of the Rail, Tram and Bus Union are with the passengers and crew of the train which derailed on the Wollongong line this morning.

RTBU NSW Secretary, Alex Claassens, said that while details of the incident are still being investigated, any incident of this nature is shocking.

“The thoughts of the whole rail family are with the passengers and crew of the train,” Mr Claassens said.

“While the details of the incident are still being investigated, one thing is very clear – it would have been a horrific thing for anyone to go through.

“Incidents like this highlight just how tough a job working on our trains can be. They also highlight why it is so important to have trained professionals on our trains at all times to help provide support and assistance to passengers on our trains.”

The RTBU is currently working with management to ensure everything possible is done to support commuters in the area.

The RTBU is also currently providing assistance to workers involved in the incident and their colleagues.