

# Sydney Trains' Review of High Visibility Safety Vests and Positioning of Staff During Right of Way (ROW)

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To: Sydney Trains Station Members

Sydney Trains have for some time been reviewing the requirement for staff performing Right of Way duties to wear High Visibility Safety Vests (HVSVs). There are many opinions as to why Sydney Trains want to remove the requirement to wear the vests. Some of these opinions have nothing to do with safety but more about "looking fashionable".

Sydney Trains management recently trialled the use of a high visibility "Sleeve" instead of the HVSV. The judgement and results of the Risk Assessment on this trial is still pending. However (1) issue that did come out of the risk assessment was the "positioning" on the platform of staff giving ROW.

Sydney Trains are now proposing a review of the "positioning" of ROW staff at the (40) ROW Stations. The following is the list of Stations to be reviewed:

**Ashfield**  
**Auburn**  
**Bankstown**  
**Berowra**  
**Blacktown**

**Bondi Jtn**  
**Burwood**  
**Campbelltown**  
**Central**  
**Chatswood**

**Circular Quay**  
**Eastwood**  
**Epping**  
**Fairfield**  
**Gordon**

The review schedule is proposed to commence next week but no dates, times and locations have been set. The review Team will be made up of RTBU Union Delegates, Management Representatives and nominated Station representatives.

Members are advised that they should discuss the matter between themselves and nominate at least (2) members to represent them at their station review. The decision as to who represents members should not and never be left to management to determine who speaks for the members.

Members will be advised of the schedule once it has been confirmed.