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Illawarra Coal urges rail safety awareness

As Term 1 of the school year nears an end, and school holidays begin, Illawarra Coal is urging people to be train-safety aware.

The Company, which transports coal along the rail line from Mt Kembla to Port Kembla, has issued a warning to children, parents and the wider community of the dangers associated with risky behaviour on its rail line.

Built on a private, fenced, railway easement owned by Illawarra Coal, the rail line operates close to the suburbs of Mt Kembla, Cordeaux Heights, Figtree and Unanderra.

General Manager Sustainable Development and External Affairs, John Brannon said the Company is concerned at reports of people walking, attempting to ride the coal wagons, playing and even bicycle riding on its rail track or within the rail corridor.

“The message is simple - trains are heavy and cannot stop quickly in an emergency,” he said.

“We need everyone – parents, children and the wider community – to work with us to ensure the safety of our neighbours and their visitors. We would appreciate if parents could discuss the issue with their children to ensure they are aware of the dangers of rail lines.”

Anyone seen walking along, or playing on the railway line, or riding on the back of coal wagons, should be reported immediately to the Dendrobium Community Call Line on 1800 000 510.

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