

Illawarra Coal



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Illawarra Coal urges rail safety awareness

As the 2008 school year comes to an end today, and the summer 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 and around its railway line.

Built on a private, fenced, railway easement owned by Illawarra Coal, the railway 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 to avoid the repeat of recent incidents involving people walking, attempting to ride 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.

“Any unauthorised activity on a railway line can result in injury or death.

“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 it if parents could discuss the issue with their children to ensure they are aware of the dangers of railway lines.”

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

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