

MEDIA RELEASE

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NSW TrainLink services affected by ARTC industrial action

Industrial action by employees of the federally run ARTC will mean several NSW TrainLink Intercity and Regional services will be replaced by road coaches and buses from tomorrow until Sunday.

NSW TrainLink Chief Executive Rob Mason said Intercity services on the Hunter and Southern Highlands lines will be affected, as well as all Regional services except the Dubbo XPT.

"While the industrial action by ARTC employees is out of NSW TrainLink's control, I'd like to apologise for the inconvenience this will cause," Mr Mason said.

"Many of our train services operate on track that is owned and maintained by the ARTC, so unfortunately any disruptions caused by ARTC employees' industrial action affects our customers."

On the Hunter Line, buses will replace trains:

- Thursday 4 August from 12 noon to 2pm
- All day Friday 5, Saturday 6 and until 7am on Sunday 7 August.

On the Southern Highlands Line buses will replace trains:

- south of Moss Vale only on Wednesday 3 and Thursday 4 August
- along the entire line on Friday 5, Saturday 6 and until 7am on Sunday 7 August.

From the morning of Wednesday 3 August, coaches will replace Regional services across NSW until Sunday morning with the exception of the Dubbo service, which will operate normally to Wellington and then be a coach service. The XPT service to Melbourne will be replaced by a road coach from this evening.

NSW TrainLink will keep customers informed about any changes to their services.

Customers can book on a later service if they wish and should allow additional travel time if their service is to be replaced by a coach.

Further information is available at www.nswtrainlink.info or by phoning 13 22 32.

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