

NEW SOUTH WALES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

DIRECTOR GENERAL

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Dear Ms Arblaster

Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) Access Undertaking

I am writing with reference to your letter to my office dated 29 March 2001. That letter indicated that submissions are sought by the Commission with respect to the access undertaking that had been submitted by the ARTC.

After giving the matter due consideration and consulting with relevant agencies in the NSW public sector, I have decided that it is not appropriate for the Department at this time to provide detailed comment on the ARTC access undertaking.

As you may be aware, the NSW Cabinet Office is currently leading a taskforce responsible for preparing the NSW access undertaking which will be submitted to the ACCC. The Department is contributing to the work of the taskforce.

In general terms, the Department continues to support the establishment of a national access regime that recognises the complexity of the NSW rail network including the unique situation of Sydney.

If your officers have any specific questions on this or related matters, they can contact Mr N. Douglas on telephone 02-9268-2836.

Yours sincerely

Michael Deegan
Director General