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Annual Report of the Australian Live Steamers Safety Committee

This report constitutes a summary of business as conducted by the Safety Committee up to December, 2016, at which time the report had to be submitted for distribution to member clubs in advance of the 2016 AGM of the AALS.

Arising from the 2016 AGM, the Safety Committee consisted of Allan Wallace, Chairman, Alf Grigg as Secretary, and continuing technical support on an as-required from Warwick Allison.

The Safety Committee fulfilled the normal correspondence tasks of the committee. Responses to general queries from clubs have been given.

The 2016 consultation process focused on passenger rolling stock bogie and coupler design variations to the Code as proposed by Castledare, together with a proposal by Altona for the development of guidelines for the design, installation and routine testing of safe electrical transmission systems on electrically driven locomotives and motors.

The Castledare proposal, together with comments by others, and the finalised recommendations of the Safety Committee have been progressively published on the AALS website for comments since May 2016. Limited comment to the Castledare proposal was received.

The detailed report, comments, and proposed motions on the Castledare bogie and coupler proposal are as per Attachment 1 to this report. The formal motion for the AGM to consider is as follows:

“That the recommended amendments to the Code as detailed in Attachment 1, and specifically in Column 4, of the tabulated review report be approved.”

The proposal raised by Altona failed to attract any commentary or input and will be carried over into the 2017 Consultation Program.

Proposed consultation topics for 2017 include:

- Age and competency standards for drivers, and;
- Guidelines for electrical transmission systems for motors and locomotives where operating voltages and associated features create the potential for safety hazards to operators.

This consultation program may be expanded should further key issues be raised prior to or at the 2017 AGM.

The Committee remains committed to fully consulting with member clubs, and to empowering clubs to fully manage the implementation of the Code.

Allan Wallace
Chairman

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