

AUSTRALIAN RAIL TRACK CORPORATION LTD

ARTC commences Major Maintenance on Paterson Bridge

Australian Rail Track Corporation Ltd (ARTC) has commenced work on a major maintenance program for the 100 year old Paterson rail bridge." David Marchant Chief Executive of ARTC said today

"ARTC will spend over \$1.2 million on the rail bridge at Paterson between January and April this year to improve its condition and facilitate future maintenance and inspections."

"ARTC's investment will increase the reliability and longevity of this important bridge on the North Coast Line." Mr Marchant said.

The works will include \$400,000 on access walkways for both maintenance staff and train drivers to improve safety and access for future maintenance and operations; \$628,000 on retransoming of the bridge, \$140,00 on steel repairs and \$112,000 on rerailing across the bridge.

The major repairs to the Paterson rail bridge form part of ARTC's maintenance program and will assist with ARTC's current \$2 billion investment program on the rail upgrades on the main interstate North South rail line from Melbourne to Brisbane.

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