



15 February 2018

Attn: Dominic L'Huillier
Director, Transport
Essential Services Commission
Level 37, 2 Lonsdale Street
Melbourne VIC 3000

and by email to: reception@esc.vic.gov.au

Dear Mr L'Huillier,

Transfer of V/Line Pty Ltd to V/Line Corporation

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the transfer of V/Line's operations from V/Line Pty Ltd to V/Line Corporation effective from 17 February 2018.

Amendments have been made to the *Transport Integration Act 2010 (Vic) (TIA)* to support the transfer of the passenger and freight access business of V/Line Pty Ltd (**VLPL**) and its assets, rights, liabilities, and employees to V/Line Corporation ABN 91 273 289 190 (**VLC**). VLC is a statutory corporation established under the *Rail Corporations Act 1996* (now called the *Rail Management Act 1996*) and continued under section 128 of the TIA.

From the Victorian Government's perspective, the transfer reflects its desire to strengthen the ongoing public ownership of V/Line. From an operational perspective, there will be no noticeable change in day to day operations.

Timing

The Minister for Public Transport has approved an Allocation Statement authorising the transfer from VLPL to VLC and fixed a relevant date of **17 February 2018** on which the transfer will take effect.

Transfer of access arrangements

In accordance with section 293 of the TIA, from 17 February 2018 VLC is to be taken to be the access provider in substitution for VLPL for the purposes of any access arrangement in respect of which VLPL is an access provider, .

VLPL is a party to the following access arrangement:

| Name | Act | Section | Issued by | Description | Details |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| Access Arrangement | <i>Rail Management Act 1996</i> (Vic) | Part 2A, Division 3 | Essential Services Commission | Requirement under Rail Management Act that gives V/Line authority to negotiate with freight providers | Agreement dated 17.06.2009 |

Could you please update your records to note VLC as the relevant access provider from 17 February 2018.

Further information

We welcome you to contact us should you have any questions or comments about the transfer. Please contact us via transfer@vline.com.au.

Yours sincerely,



Dean Matthews

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