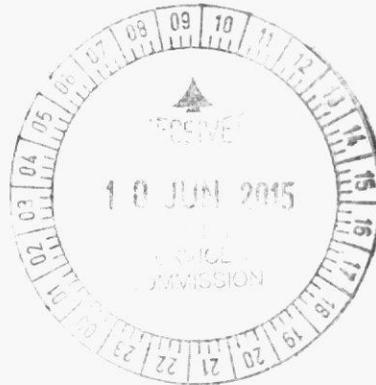




1 June 2015



Dr Ron Ben-David  
Commissioner  
Essential Services Commission  
Level 37  
2 Lonsdale Street  
Melbourne Victoria 3000

Dear Dr Ben-David

**V/Line Access Arrangement – Extension of Expiry Date**

I am writing to request a variation to the current V/Line Access Arrangement to extend the expiry date from 29 June 2015 to 29 June 2016.

V/Line understands that the Department of Transport, Planning and Local Infrastructure is considering major substantial changes to the Victorian Rail Access Regime in 2015/16. In order to avoid unnecessary costs in establishing a new access arrangement shortly before such major changes are made, we wish to extend the expiry date of our current access arrangement by 12 months. We note that the *Rail Management Act 1996* has been amended to allow for an access arrangement's expiry date to be extended for this reason.

No other variation to the V/Line Access Arrangement is sought.

If you have any queries in relation to this request please contact Cynthia Heydon, Commercial Relationship Manager, on 03 9619 5022 or [cynthia.heydon@vline.com.au](mailto:cynthia.heydon@vline.com.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carol-Anne Nelson", is written over a horizontal line.

**Carol-Anne Nelson**  
Acting Chief Executive