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## Avon to Kwinana railway line receives \$16.3M upgrade

**Arc Infrastructure has completed a \$16.3 million project to replace life-expired rail on the dual gauge railway between Avon and Kwinana.**

The upgrade involved the replacement of 30km of rail and approximately 1,400 sleepers on a section of the Eastern Goldfields Railway (EGR) from Avon to Kwinana, which carries grain traffic, interstate freight and passenger services.

General Manager Customer Operations, Network Strategy & Project Delivery for Arc Infrastructure, Paul Lowney, said the replacement works are part of Arc's ongoing program to replace ageing infrastructure across the network.

"These replacement works are part of our commitment to carry out periodic maintenance on life expired rail in order to maintain continuity of the network," Mr Lowney said.

"The team from Arc Infrastructure with contractor John Holland carried out the works over a four month period using over 60,000 man-hours.

"Pleasingly, there were no lost time injuries despite the Avon Valley being a complex and challenging area in which to work due to the local terrain and access within the valley."

While speed restrictions were in place whilst work was undertaken, the works were managed with the aim of providing the least amount of disruption to Arc Infrastructure's customers as possible.

"This section of railway is only one of a handful of places on the network with dual tracks. This allowed for the railway to remain active during the works with one of the two adjacent lines remaining operational," Mr Lowney said.

The project, completed in October, builds on approximately \$60 million worth of track upgrades on this line in the last 5 years ensuring the provision of a safe, efficient and reliable freight network that continues to meet industry needs.

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Spread across regional Western Australia, our team of 400 employees keeps the rail network operating 24/7. We live local, buy local and are committed to contributing to regional communities.

Previously called Brookfield Rail, we changed our name to Arc Infrastructure in July 2017 to reflect the aspirations for our future to expand our involvement in transport infrastructure assets. We're committed to working with industry, our customers, partners and communities to find new opportunities that will support and strengthen our rail network for the benefit of WA.

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