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## Media Release

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### TRAIN SERVICES ON THE BLUE MOUNTAINS LINE

All passengers on the train that derailed near Woodford on the Blue Mountains line are safe. They have been transferred to buses with no injuries to passengers or staff.

Due to heavy rain and a number of landslips affecting the rail line all rail services between Katoomba and Springwood are suspended in both directions.

At approximately 4.20pm a land slide between Wentworth Falls and Bullaburra stations caused the closure of the west bound line and a number of lanes on the Great Western Highway.

Trains were stopped at Springwood and passengers taken to local service clubs, given refreshments while waiting for buses which were delayed by heavy congestion.

Following this a City bound train at Woodford derailed after coming across a landslip which has caused the front wheels of the first carriage to derail.

The front carriage is upright and no passengers have been hurt.

Approximately 200 passengers were safely taken from the train to waiting buses from 6pm.

Rail engineers are currently on site to assess the sites affected by the landslip and will work throughout the night to restore train services.

Buses are currently operating between Katoomba and Springwood, continuing until train services resume.

Train services will not be restored by Friday's morning peak period. A limited train service will be in operation between Lithgow and Katoomba.

Current advice for morning commuters travelling to the City who usually board between Lithgow and Faulconbridge is to make their way to either Springwood or Penrith Station.

Customers should allow up to an hour of extra travel time.

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