

On the 20 October 2008 TEN News broadcast an item on the NSW Premier announcing reforms in RailCorp rail maintenance.

This item showed vision of RailCorp workers on tracks adjacent to Platform 1 at Central Station with an accompanying voice over - "It's an oldie but a goodie: how many RailCorp workers does it take to change a light bulb . . .".

It was entirely inappropriate for TEN to use vision of them in this way.

The team was in the rail corridor carrying out safety critical testing of signal points and their number and work practices complied with regulations covering this potentially hazardous work site.

At the time TEN filmed them they were waiting for a train to pass on an adjacent line. Filming occurred without their knowledge or consent and they were not approached by TEN to sign clearance forms.

Their manager has expressed the view that the five team members are among the most diligent and conscientious workers he has worked with.

A letter expressing RailCorp's concern was sent to TEN News Director who has responded with an undertaking to make the reporter aware of our complaint and the feelings of the team.