



**Morphett Vale Railway Incorporated**  
**South Australia**

The Secretary  
AALS Safety Committee  
168 Wharparilla Drive  
Echuca Vic 3564

Dear Secretary

The MVR committee has noted your response to our proposal that all passenger hauling locomotives be fitted with a speedometer. However may we offer two further reasons for your committee to discuss?

When a person is being trained to drive a locomotive how does that person know what speed they are doing when there is no speedometer? As locomotives vary in size, so does the sensation of speed or lack of it.

The second item is that in the event of a serious incident questions will be asked if the incident ends up in the legal system. We would anticipate that the first question posed will be how the driver ascertained the speed of the train.

If a speedometer is fitted this will show a duty of care and stand the driver and the club in good stead. Out in the world of railways, all locomotives are fitted with a data logger to confirm driver responses.

Therefore we would kindly ask your committee to look at these suggestions with a view that in these litigious times we are acting in a responsible manner in the matter of safety.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Wakefield".

John Wakefield  
Honorary Secretary

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