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Dear neighbours and friends

The solar conversion of the Byron Bay train is now complete and the train will shortly arrive in Byron Bay. A date for our first passenger service is not yet known. We are hopeful that this will occur pre Christmas.

Soon after the train arrives we will commence test runs and driver training backwards and forwards between North Beach and Byron township. We will keep this pre-service operation between the hours of 8:00am and 10:00pm and the majority will be during normal business hours. While the vast majority of runs will be under solar electric power, it will also be necessary to conduct test runs under diesel power during this time. One of the two diesel engines has been removed and the other remains on board for weight and balance and also to provide an emergency back up in case of electrical fault. The remaining diesel engine is not required for normal operation, even in cases of prolonged lack of sunshine.

### **Safety**

State legislation prohibits trespassing on a railway line and fines of up to \$5,500.00 can be imposed by police and the courts. Not only is trespassing illegal, it is very dangerous. We have installed "no trespassing" signage. Please help to spread this important message by notifying your families, your staff and your guests. We respect that this may seem disruptive and inconvenient to many.

The Kendall Street level crossing, located on the road in to Belongil from Ewingsdale Road, will soon have the train running through it. Railway level crossings are dangerous and trains have the right of way. Please, stop at the stop sign. Look for the train. And listen. The train will toot its "suburban whistle" when approaching the Kendall Street level crossing and will be travelling at a relatively slow speed under 25km/hour.

The journey toward delivering this train has been a long one. We sincerely hope that the train does not cause you too much disruption. We have worked hard to ensure that it is as quiet and unobtrusive as possible, most recently by investing in new solar and electric technology that will see the train operating on solar power. However please contact us directly if you feel you are being compromised too much by this service.

Please telephone 6685 6561 or email [enquiries@byronbaytrain.com.au](mailto:enquiries@byronbaytrain.com.au). We will keep [www.byronbaytrain.com.au](http://www.byronbaytrain.com.au) updated with information as it comes to hand, including our first passenger service schedule. And when we get going please join us for a trip on the world's first solar powered train.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

The Byron Bay Railroad Company team