

# Confidential Safety Information Reporting Scheme

## ***Emergency Exits on Buses***

A report was received that some Sydney buses do not have a light on the interior emergency exits signs. The reporter believed that this did not comply with current Australian Design Rules. The reporter was also concerned that some bus emergency exits were being covered with advertising signage which may cause a problem by not allowing the glass to be broken.

## ***CSIRS Requirement***

As part of the OTSI investigation, State Transit was requested to make available a number of different buses for inspection.

## ***Investigation outcome***

An inspection was made by OTSI at the Leichhardt Bus Depot of a number of different bus types. During the inspection State Transit technical staff explained how these identified issues were being addressed.

In respect to the emergency exits not having an associated light, it was shown that a luminescent paint was used for the lettering. It was believed that this combined with other marking was sufficient to ensure that the exits would be visible for at least 15 minutes in a low-lighting situation.

In order to address the advertising signage concern, all buses with advertising signage covering the exits have been modified by scoring through the advertising material in a grid pattern. This ensures that the emergency exit is serviceable and not degraded by the covering of advertising signage.

## ***OTSI Action***

The outcomes of the inquiries made by both OTSI and State Transit have been recorded in the OTSI Safety Investigation Database for future review and trend analysis.

OTSI has advised the reporter of the response and actions provided by State Transit.