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PERSONAL INFORMATION

My brother and I run a family business called J&J Stonewall Constructions. We have 5 employees and up to 10 contractors working for us most of the time.

I am 37 years old and have a wife and 3 children. We are well established in our area and well known in the community.

TIME DELAYS

As my brother has stated most of our work is in the Southern Highlands we do a lot of work in the Robertson area as well as down Iona Park Road and Sheepwash Road. We regularly have 4 men on site and if one or all were held by a train it impacts the whole job. We also have to have materials delivered to our sites and often they can be time critical.

I am mainly on-site working and know first hand how much time is lost if the men are in a poor mood or are cranky that they have been held up, the time lost is not only the delay caused by the train but time taken to get the crew up to a working pace. This could be twice as much as the initial delay on the road.

COST OF MAINTENANCE

If we have to call the mechanic out for on-site mechanical repairs and they are held up by a train or trains then this time will be added to our bill. As the mechanic is in Carribee Street Moss Vale there is every likely that this could happen.

I also have to call into the mechanics to pick up or drop off items for repair, this will take my time up and rob me of family time as I generally do these activities after a days work.

SUMMARY

The extra trains have the potential to reduce family time, increase our costs and reduce our productivity.