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EL51, G515 and TL155 [dead attached] on 7AP1 QR National intermodal service at Hazelmere on 10th January was the return of leased CFCLA locomotive TL155 former QR National yard shunter at Forrestfield interstate with the impending opening of new QR National Forrestfield intermodal yard. Photo Jim Bisdee.

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Stored on the loop line in the old Loonganna Lime facility at Parkeston are about 30 green AOPY iron ore wagons that were converted from former Leigh Creek coal wagons by considerably shortening the wagons a further 20 are stowed in West Kalgoorlie yard. With the economic downturn and new WOE wagons being delivered to Portman Mining the opportunity was taken to withdraw these wagons after Xmas that were never really suited to iron ore traffic and could never lead loaded ore trains owing to weaker couplers causing empty consists to be reversed at West Kalgoorlie. Jo B.

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CFCLA coach named Major General J.D. Stevenson AO, CBE constructed for and usually leased to Australian Army for use on military transfer trains of Abrams tanks from Adelaide to Northern Territory has been stabled in West Kalgoorlie yards for last few weeks. It appears this coach has been sub leased to ARG to run on Cook fuel train. Jo B.

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In an interview published in The West Australian on 10th January Coote Industrial chief executive and major shareholder Mike Coote advised Greentrains Pty Ltd had still not paid the \$76 million balance owed for purchase of SSRS locomotive and wagon fleet but the payment was expected to be paid before the end of this month.

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QR National G534 leads SCT G521 on 3PA1 QR National intermodal through Hazelmere on the evening of 6th January on the first run of this intermodal service to Adelaide for 2008 following the Xmas shutdown. Photo Jim Bisdee.

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Coote Industrial/SSRS ZB2125 ran 1UB1 ballast train on 11th January from flashbut Bellevue to Kenwick Junction on the suburban network to drop spot ballast in Kenwick to Gosnells section. This saw the rarely used connection between Westnet Rail Forrestfield to Kwinana main line and the suburban Armadale line used twice this weekend. It was used on Saturday evening to transfer three track machines from flashbut to the Armadale line for use on Queens Park station track relaying and improvements that took place over 9th to 12th January.

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Train surfing is becoming a concern to Rail Police unit with two recent occurrences of two persons riding on rear coupler of A series EMU's and offenders not being apprehended.

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MV Jumbo Vision that departed Toronto Canada on 28th November with 13 new SD70MACe/c locomotives for BHPBIO arrived in Port Hedland on 11th January at 2235 it is at berth PH2 with unloading of the locomotives commencing on 12th January and will take about four days.

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Following releasing of two CFCLA EL locomotives by QR National it is envisaged that this Adelaide-Perth intermodal service will be handled in the short term by an EL and SCT G class locomotive on AP1 and PA1 with the EL locomotive leading in each direction. This may change with the delivery of new leased locomotives from EDI Rail to QR National.

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