

RIO TINTO IRON ORE PROJECTS – PILBARA, WA**PROJECT OVERVIEW:**

Austrak has supplied sleepers and turnouts to Rio Tinto from 1987 to present for various projects.

PRODUCT:

- standard gauge maximum 37.5 tonne axle load, 80kph in loaded direction for 68kg rail, heavy duty Pandrol eClip, no specials
- turnout bearers ranging from 1:10 to 1:20
- catchpoints
- road crossing panels

CONTRACTS:

- initial one for Robe River in 1987 for 330,000 sleepers
- subsequent one for North Ltd in 1000 for 550,000 million sleepers
- latest contract for Rio Tinto in 2004 for approximately 170,000 sleepers
- 227 turnout bearer sets supplied directly to Rio Tinto and more through VAE

FACTORIES:

- original one bed factory in Wickham
- two subsequent contracts fulfilled from new five bed Wedgefield (Port Hedland) factory which was built specifically for the Norths project, and opened in 2000
- turnout bearers supply from Wickham and Wedgefield

