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Good train holds up half the town at peak hour

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The Member for Araluen, Jodeen Carney, said today that she has written to Freight Link seeking assurances that no further goods trains will go through the centre of Alice Springs at peak hour.

This follows major disruption caused by a goods train moving through the centre of Alice Springs this morning holding up hundreds of people.

“Everybody who lives on the western side of Alice trying to get to work was inconvenienced,” Ms Carney said.

“Kids were late for School, and hundreds of people were late for work. We need to be mindful of the economic loss, as well as the inconvenience caused.

“I understand that the train was late, but the decision should not have been made to start the train just before 8.00am. The lines of traffic reminded me of peak hour in Melbourne. Everyone was delayed for about 20 minutes.”

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