

## RIA scoops top lobbying award for Rail Decarb campaign

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Voice of the UK rail supply community, the [Railway Industry Association](#) (RIA) has been awarded the 'Best Lobbying Campaign' award at the [Association of Excellence Awards](#).

The awards, which recognise the achievements of trade bodies, voted for the 'Rail Decarb' campaign as the winner. The campaign highlights the potential of rail to decarbonise even further in future and support the target of removing all diesel-only trains from the network by 2040 and reaching Net Zero by 2050.

Darren Caplan, chief executive of the Railway Industry Association, said: "We in the Railway Industry Association are delighted to win this prestigious award! It's a great vote of confidence by our peers in other industrial sectors to recognise not just the hard work of the superb RIA team, but also UK rail more widely and the efforts of our fantastic members to decarbonise the railways.

"The Rail Decarb campaign has focused relentlessly on seeking a commitment from Government for a rolling programme of electrification, and support for hydrogen and battery powered trains on less intensively-used lines, in order to help deliver on the Net Zero agenda. These asks were subsequently included in the DfT's transport decarbonisation plan. "Through this campaign and the recognition it has now gained, we hope to continue to lobby effectively in future for effective progress on rail

decarbonisation and to raise awareness of the almost limitless potential of the railway industry to help tackle this pressing issue".