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GLENBROOK TUNNEL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—

It is time that the railway authorities remedied the defective nature and ventilation of the Glenbrook tunnel. Last week two of the railway men were lying prostrate for some hours, owing to the suffocating character of the smoke in the tunnel, whilst passengers in the trains which pass through even in two minutes find the density of smoke unbearable.

Goods trains having two engines, the driver and fireman of the pusher (the rear engine)

often have a terrible experience, and some times become unconscious.

Here is a grave peril staring us in the face—as with any accident within the tunnel numbers of passengers would be suffocated to death in a very short time. Strange to say, the railway men who suffer untold discomfort dare not complain—and it is left to the travelling public to stand by these poor fellows, which I hope they will do, with no uncertain voice.

It is a scandal. Incidentally I may quote the following paragraph which appeared In the London "Chronicle," when describing the disaster at Shrewsbury in October last:

"Still there is some truth in the Implication that men are afraid to grumble, and even to call attention to remediable faults, if they can at all put up with them."

It is the same in New South Wales. Something should be done, either to widen and ventilate the tunnel (which, by the way, curves like the letter S), or find some deviation.

Few alterations are more urgent than the ventilation of the Glenbrook tunnel, and the

work should be carried out immediately.

I am, etc., PETFORD ALLEN.