

Notice Type: SAFE Notice

Location: Various

Subject Title: Altered Safeworking Arrangements for Hunter Valley Local Possession Authority

Corridor/Line: Hunter Valley (North)

Control Board: Upper Hunter 1, Upper Hunter 2, Upper Hunter 3, North

Effective From: 22/07/2025 Time: 0300 hrs

Effective To: 25/07/2025 Time: 0300 hrs

Reference Documents:

Train Alteration Advice: 0008-2025

Network Information Book: OGW-30-17, OGW-30-18, OGW-30-19 & OGW-30-20

General Details / Operating Condition:

For the Hunter Valley Maintenance Closedown, Local Possession Authorities (LPA) will be authorised up to the Private Line Maintenance Interface Boundaries, as described in the applicable Safety Interface Agreements (IA) listed below.

As part the Hunter Valley Maintenance Closedowns, at time infrastructure works will need to be undertaken on the ARTC Network up to and over these Private Line Maintenance Interface Boundaries.

Safeworking Arrangements:

In addition to ARTC Network Rules and Procedures ANWT 302 Local Possession Authority and ANPR 700 Using a Local Possession Authority, where worksites are located up to and over the Private Line Maintenance Interface Boundaries and are less than 500m from the end limit of the LPA, works can be undertaken with the following safeworking arrangements:

- It will be permissible to work within 500m of the limit of the LPA without a Work on Track Authority adjoining the end limit.
- A STOP Sign/Red Light must be placed a minimum of 500m from the worksite on the Private Line with agreement from the Private Line Owner.
- Where rail traffic is located within the Private Line and the STOP Sign/Red Light cannot be placed a minimum of 500m from the worksite, a STOP Sign/Red Light must be placed at the controlled absolute signal in front of the rail traffic preventing entry to the worksite.

Before the commencement of works:**Possession Protection Officer (PPO) must:**

- Gain an assurance from the Network Controller that an isolation has not been and will not be granted on the points leading into the Private Line for the duration of the works, **or**
- Gain an assurance from the Network Controller that there is no Rail Traffic within the Private Line for the duration of the works. #

Protection Officer (PO) must:

- Obtain an assurance from the PPO that an isolation will not be taken on the points entering the private siding for the duration of the works, and
- Obtain an assurance from the Private Line Owner that rail traffic located within the Private Line is stabled and will not be moved, **or**

- Gain an assurance from the PPO that there is no Rail Traffic in the Private Line for the duration of the works. #

And also

- Have agreed protection arrangements with the Private Line Owner for the works to be undertaken safely up to and over the maintenance interface boundary, and
- Advise the Network Controller of the works to occur within 500m of the LPA limits, and the agreed arrangements with the Private Line Owner, and
- Advise the PPO of the agreed arrangements with the Private Line Owner and that rail traffic within the private line is stabled and will not be moved, and
- Place a STOP Sign/Red Light a minimum of 500m from the worksites on the Private Line, **or**
- Place a STOP Sign/Red Light at the controlled absolute signal in front of the rail traffic.

Requirements above marked with an # only applied to those Private Lines also marked with an # in the table within the Additional Details section below.

Important: Where an isolation has already been granted, works cannot be undertaken up to and over the maintenance interface boundary until agreed arrangements are obtained between the PO and the Private Line Owner and controls are implemented and documented.

At the completion of works:

Protection Officer (PO) must:

- Remove the Stop Sign/Red Light, and
- Advise the Private Line Owner, Network Controller and PPO the works are completed, and protection has been removed.

NOTE: Tracks within the LPA must be protected as per ANPR 700 Using a Local Possession Authority.

Additional Details:

Requirements in the Safeworking Arrangements section above marked with an # only applied to those Private Lines also marked with an # in the table below.

The nominated Safety Interface Agreement for this SAFE Notice are:

	Private Line	Interface Agreement No.
#	Bengalla Coal Loop	IA 1610
#	Boggarbi Coal Loop	IA 2204
#	Dartbrook Coal Loop	IA 1623
	Mangoola Coal Loop	IA 1606
	Maules Creek / Boggabri East Branch Line	IA 2203
	Moolarben Coal Loop	IA 1604
	Mount Pleasant Coal Loop	IA 1609
	Narrabri Coal Loop	IA 2221
#	Ulan Coal Loop	IA 1605
#	Whitehaven Coal Loop Gunnedah	IA 2214
	Whitehaven Coal Loop Werris Creek	IA 1601
	Wilpinjong Coal Loop	IA 1607

Recipients must ensure this Notice is circulated to and understood by all personnel affected by, or needing to know, its content.

This Notice must be issued to all affected Competent Workers.

Competent Workers who receive this Notice must follow the requirements.

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