

**Notice Type:** SAFE Notice

Location: South Maitland Railway

Subject Title: Altered Possession Protection Arrangements

Corridor/Line: Hunter Valley

Control Board: Lower Hunter

Effective From: 22/07/2025 Time: 0630 hrs

Effective To: 25/07/2025 Time: 0630 hrs

**Reference Documents:**

Train Alteration Advice: 0009-2025

Network Information Book: OGW-30-15

**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 times infrastructure works will need to be undertaken on the ARTC Network up to and over the South Maitland Railway 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 less than 500m from the end limit of the LPA and the lines are located adjoining South Maitland Railway private lines on East Greta Arrival and Departure Roads at Maitland, the following safeworking arrangements prior to any maintenance work commencing MUST be applied to protect both the LPA and worksite from unauthorised rail traffic entry.

**Before the commencement of works:****South Maitland Railway Signaller will:**

- Ensure that they provide blocking facilities and do not remove them until the work has been completed, and
- Ensure that they do not authorise any rail traffic movements toward the ARTC LPA limits whilst a worksite is located within 500m of the LPA limits.

**Possession Protection Officer (PPO) must:**

- Liaise with Signaller at the South Maitland Rail Signal Box, and
- Obtain an assurance from the Signaller that they have placed blocking facilities on the East Great Arrival and Departure Roads adjacent to the LPA, and
- After agreement has been reached, advise the Protection Officer of the agreed arrangements and give permission for the work to start.

**Protection Officer (PO) must:**

- Confirming the agreed arrangements with LPA PPO and South Maitland Railway Signaller.

- Have agreed protection arrangements with the South Maitland Railway 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 South Maitland Railway Signaller 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 worksite on the Private Line, **or**
- Place a STOP Sign/Red Light at the controlled absolute signal in front of the rail traffic.

**At the completion of the 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.

**Possession Protection Officer (PPO) must:**

- Advise the South Maitland Railway Signal Box that the work is completed.

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

**Additional Details:**

The nominated Safety Interface Agreement for this SAFE Notice is:

| Private Line                                | Interface Agreement No. |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| South Maitland Railways East Greta Junction | IA 1509                 |

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.

**Contact Details:**

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| Contact: | Possession Protection Officer (PPO) South | Contact No. | (02) 4979 7020 |
| Contact: | South Maitland Signal Box                 | Contact No. | (02) 4932 6552 |

**Approval:**

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| Approved by: | Delivery Support Manager, Network Control Centre North | Date: | 16/07/2025 |
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