

Notice Type: SAFE Notice

Location: Sandgate

Subject Title: Altered Possession Protection Arrangements

Corridor/line: Hunter Valley

Control Board: Lower Hunter

Effective From: 23/08/2025 Time: 0300 hrs

Effective To: 25/08/2025 Time: 0100 hrs

Reference Documents:

Train Alteration Advice: 0011-2025

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 these Private Line Maintenance Interface Boundaries.

As part of the LPA Protection, 190 Points as Sandgate at the entrance / exit to the Crawford's Siding will be clipped and SL locked to prevent unauthorised entry of rail traffic into the LPA limits.

Rail Traffic may be within the Sandgate Crawford's Siding and potentially stabled within 500m of the worksite as detailed below.

Safeworking Arrangements:

Essential maintenance works is to be carried out which will necessitate the removal of the above-mentioned point clips and SL locks during the LPA.

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, are less than 500m from the end limit of the LPA, and there will be stowed Rail Traffic within 500m of the worksites, works can be undertaken with the following safeworking arrangements:

Before the commencement of works:**The Protection Officer (PO) must:**

- Obtain an assurance from the Private Siding Owner that the access gate to the Crawford's Siding (at 171.383km) is shut and locked, and
- Obtain an assurance from the Private Siding Owner that any rail traffic located within the Crawford's Siding is stabled and will not be moved, and
- Have agreed protection arrangements with the Private Siding Owner for the works to be undertaken, and
- Advise the Network Controller of the works to occur within 500m of the LPA Limits, and the agreed arrangements with the Private Siding Owner, and

- Advise the Possession Protection Officer (PPO) of the agreed arrangements with the Private Siding Owner and that any Rail Traffic within the private line is stabled and will not be moved, and
- Place a STOP Sign/Red Light at the access gate into the Crawford's Siding at 171.420km.

At the completion of the works:**Protection Officer (PO) must:**

- Remove the STOP Sign/Red Light from the Sandgate Crawford's entry gate at 171.420km, and
- Inform the Private Siding Owner that the works are completed, and workers and equipment have cleared the line, and
- Inform the PPO that the works are completed, workers and equipment have cleared the line, protection has been removed, and LPA Protection has been reestablished.

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.
Crawfords Sangate	IA 1506

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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Approval:

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