

Notice Type: SAFE Notice

Location: Various

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

Corridor/line: Hunter Valley

Control Board: Lower Hunter, Middle Hunter, Upper Hunter 1

Effective From: 03/04/2024 Time1: 0630hrs

Effective To: 06/04/2024 Time2: 0630hrs

General Details / Operating Condition:

The following altered safeworking protection arrangements will be permitted in conjunction with the Hunter Valley Local Possession Authorities.

To allow for works to occur on the ARTC Network up to and over the Private Line Maintenance Interface Boundaries as described in the applicable Safety Interface Agreements as listed below, it will be permissible to conduct the works with the following safeworking arrangements.

Safeworking Arrangements:**Additional Details:**

In exception to the applicable Safety Interface Agreements (IA), a Local Possession Authority will be authorised up to the Maintenance Interface Boundaries as detailed below.

In exception to ARTC Network Rule ANWT 302 Local Possession Authority and Procedure ANPR 700 Using a Local Possession Authority, where worksites are located less than 500m from the end limit of the Local Possession Authority (LPA) and the lines are located adjoining Private lines, 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.

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

Private Line	Interface Agreement Number
Bloomfield Coal	IA 1508
Mount Owen Branch Line	IA 1629
Ashton Siding	IA 1608
Ravensworth Branch Line	IA 1627
Newdell/Liddell Hunter Valley Branch	IA 1621
Draytons Branch Line	IA 1625

Before the commencement of works:**Possession Protection Officer**

The Possession Protection Officer must gain an assurance from the Network Controller that an isolation has not or will not be granted on the Private Line for the duration of works.

Protection Officer

The Protection Officer must:

- obtain an assurance from the Private Line Owner that rail traffic located within the Private Line is stabled and will not be moved, and
- have agreed protection arrangements with the Private Line Owner for the works to be undertaken safely when working within 500m of the Private Line, and
- tell the Network Controller of the works to occur within 500m of the LPA Limits, and
- the agreed arrangements with the Private Line Owner, and
- tell the Possession Protection Officer 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 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 works:**Protection Officer**

The Protection Officer must remove the STOP Sign/Red Light, and tell the Private Line Owner, Network Controller and Possession Protection Officer the works are completed, and protection has been removed.

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:

Contact:	Possession Protection Officer South	Contact No.	4927 7020
Contact:	Bloomfield Coal – Bloomfield (OCE)	Contact No.	0407 938 002
Contact:	Mount Owen Branch Line – CHPP Shift Supervisor	Contact No.	0417 943 433
Contact:	Ashton Siding – CHPP Shift Supervisor, or CHPP Control Room	Contact No.	0437 038 334, or 6570 9151
Contact:	Ravensworth Branch Line – Dan Hallam	Contact No.	0429 405 345
Contact:	Newdell/Liddell Hunter Valley Branch – Maintenance Planner	Contact No.	0411781234
Contact:	Draytons Branch Line – Peter Hodgson	Contact No.	0408 604 908

Approval:

Approved by: Network Operations Specialist NCCN Date: 26/03/2024