

Notice Type: SAFE Notice**Location:** East Greta Junction**Subject Title:** Altered Possession Protection Arrangements**Corridor/line:** Hunter Valley**Control Board:** NCCN - Lower Hunter**Effective From:** 03/04/2024 **Time1:** 0630 hrs**Effective To:** 06/04/2024 **Time2:** 0630 hrs**Reference Documents:****Train Alteration Advice:** 0037 - 2024**General Details:**

Local Possession Authorities (LPA) will be implemented as part of the Hunter Valley Closedown program.

To allow for works to be carried out on the East Greta Arrival and Departure Roads within 500m of the LPA limits, without a Work on Track Authority adjoining the end limits at the ARTC/South Maitland Railway (SMR) Interface Boundaries, the following Safeworking arrangements must, prior to any maintenance work commencing, be applied to protect both the LPA from unauthorised rail traffic entry and the worksite.

The nominated Safety Interface Agreements that this SAFE Notice applies to are:

Title	Interface Agreement Number
SMR Maitland	IA1509

Safeworking Arrangements:

In exception to ARTC Network Rule ANWT302 Local Possession Authority - Protecting Worksites:

- make sure that the limits of the Authority are protected against unauthorised entry or exit by rail traffic
- the distance between the signal protecting the limits of the Authority and a fixed worksite must not be less than 500m unless:
 - points can be secured to prevent access to the portion of track within the LPA limits, or
 - a Work on Track Authority adjoining the entry end limit has been authorised for the period of the work.

To allow for works to be carried out on the East Greta Arrival and Departure Roads within 500m of the LPA Limit/s, it will be permissible to work without a Work on Track Authority adjoining the end limit using the following controls:

Before the commencement of works:

The **Possession Protection Officer** must authorise the Protection Officer to implement a worksite less than 500m from the end limit of the LPA and direct the Protection Officer on the change/s to the LPA possession protection.

The **Protection Officer** must:

- obtain assurances from the East Greta Junction Signaller that -
 - blocking facilities have been applied on the East Great Arrival and Departure Roads adjacent to the LPA, and

- no rail traffic movements will be allowed toward the LPA whilst a worksite is located within 500m of the LPA, and
- tell the Possession Protection Officer of the agreed arrangements with the East Greta Junction Signaller

At the completion of works:

The **Protection Officer**, as soon as the works are complete, must:

- replace the LPA protection in accordance with ANPR 700 Using a Local Possession Authority, and
- tell the East Greta Junction Signaller -
 - the works are complete, and
 - the LPA protection has been replaced.
- tell the **Possession Protection Officer** -
 - the works are complete, and
 - the LPA protection has been replaced.

Note:

Worksite protection as described within ANWT 302 and ANPR 700 must be applied within the LPA limits.

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: ARTC Possession Protection Officer

Contact No. 4979 7020

Contact: East Greta Junction Signaller

Contact No. 0429 688 870

Approval:

Approved by: Network Operations Specialist NCCN

Date: 26/03/2024