

<b>Notice Type:</b>	SAFE Notice		
Location:	South Maitland Railway		
Subject Title:	Altered Possession Protection Arrangements		
Corridor/Line:	Hunter Valley		
Control Board:	Lower Hunter		
Effective From:	19/11/2024	Time1:	0630hrs
Effective To:	22/11/2024	Time2:	0630hrs

**Reference Documents:**

Train Alteration Advice:	0050-2024
Network Information Book:	OGW-30-15

**General Details / Operating Condition:**

Local Possession Authorities (LPA) will be implemented as part of the Hunter Valley Closedown program. Where essential maintenance work is required to be carried out less than 500m from the Limit of the LPA at the South Maitland Railway Interface the following altered Safeworking arrangements will apply.

**Safeworking Arrangements:**

In exception to ARTC Network Rule ANWT 302 Local Possession Authority and Procedure ANPR 700 Using a Local Possession Authority, it will be permissible to work on the East Greta Arrival and Departure Roads within 500m of the limit of the LPA without a Work on Track Authority adjoining the end limit as detailed below.

**The South Maitland Railway Signaller will be responsible for:**

- Ensuring 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, and
- Ensure that they provide blocking facilities and do not remove them until the Possession Protection Officer confirms that the work has been completed.

**Possession Protection Officer will be responsible for:**

Prior to any work commencing within 500 metres of the LPA limits at the South Maitland Railway interface boundaries on the East Greta Arrival and Departure Roads at Maitland, the Possession Protection Officer must:

- Liaise with Signaller at the South Maitland Rail Signal Box, and
- Obtain an assurance that the Signaller has 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 will be responsible for:**

- Confirming the agreed arrangements with LPA Possession Protection Officer and South Maitland Railway Signaller.

**At the completion of the work the Protection Officer must:**

- Advise the Possession Protection Officer that the work is completed.

**At the completion of the work the Possession Protection Officer must:**

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

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: South Maitland Signal Box

Contact No. 4932 6552

**Approval:**

Approved by: Delivery Support Manager, Network Control Centre North

Date: 14/11/2024