

Notice Type: SAFE Notice

Location: Hexham

Subject Title: Altered Possession Protection Arrangements

Operator(s): Aurizon

Corridor/line: Hunter Valley

Control Board: Lower Hunter

Effective From: 01/04/2025 **Time1:** 0630hrs

Effective To: 04/04/2025 **Time2:** 0630hrs

Reference Documents:

Train Alteration Advice: 0005-2025

Network Information Book: OGW-30-15

General Details / Operating Condition:

For the Hunter Valley Maintenance Shutdown, 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 of the Hunter Valley Maintenance Shutdowns, 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, 103 Points and 108 Points at Hexham at the entrance/exit of the Aurizon (AZ) Hexham Train Maintenance Facility will be clipped and SL locked in the Normal position to prevent unauthorised rail traffic access from the AZ Facility into the LPA limits.

Trains and various rolling stock will be within the Aurizon (AZ) Facility and may be stabled within 500m of the possession protection. All Trains and various rolling stock that are within the AZ Facility are under the control of the Aurizon Yard Coordinator.

Safeworking Arrangements:

Essential maintenance work is required to be carried out on 103 Points and 108 Points, which involves 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, the stowed trains will be within 500m of the worksites. To allow for works to be carried out on 103 Points and/or 108 Points at Hexham 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.

Aurizon Yard Controller must:

- Ensure that handbrakes have been applied to all trains and rollingstock within the facility, and
- Ensure that the locomotive control handles have been removed and secured in a safe place for the full duration of the work on 103 Points and 108 Points, and
- Ensure that all trains and rolling stock will remain unmanned/stationary for the full duration of the work on 103 Points and 108 Points.

Possession Protection Officer (PPO) must:

- Obtain an assurance with the Aurizon Yard Controller that the trains and rolling stock within the AZ Facility will remain stationary and will not be moved, and
- Contact the Network Controller and advise of the requirement to remove the point clips and SL lock.

Protection Officer (PO) 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 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 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 the works:

Protection Officer (PO) must:

- Remove the STOP Sign/Red Light, and
- Clip and SL lock both 103 Points or 108 Points in the normal position, and
- Advise the PPO that the work is completed, and that both 103 Points and 108 Points are in the normal position, with clips and SL locks applied, and
- Advise the Network Controller that the work is completed, and that both 103 points or 108 points are in the normal position, with clips and SL locks applied, and
- Advise the Aurizon Yard Controller that work has been 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:

Title	Interface Agreement Number
Aurizon Hexham Train Maintenance Facility	IA1613

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: Aurizon Yard Controller

Contact No. 02 4014 2790

Approval:

Approved by: Delivery Support Manager, Network Control Centre North

Date: 25/03/2025