

Notice Type:	SAFE Notice		
Location:	Mount Thorley		
Subject Title:	Altered Safeworking Arrangements for Hunter Valley Local Possession Authority		
Corridor/line:	Hunter Valley		
Control Board:	Middle Hunter		
Effective From:	29/04/2025	Time1:	0730 hrs
Effective To:	29/04/2025	Time2:	1530 hrs

Reference Documents:

Network Information Book:	OGW-30-16
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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:

In exception to the applicable Safety Interface Agreements (IA), a Local Possession Authority will be authorised up to the Maintenance Interface Boundary 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 LPA must be protected as per ANPR 700 Using a Local Possession Authority.

Before the commencement of works:**Possession Protection Officer (PPO) must:**

- Gain an assurance from the Network Controller that an isolation has not been and will not be granted on the points leading into the Private Line for the duration of the works.

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 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.

Additional Details:

The nominated Safety Interface Agreements for this SAFE Notice are:

Private Line	Interface Agreement Number
Mount Thorley	IA 1633
Wambo	IA 1635

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:

Approved by: Delivery Support Manager, Network Control Centre North Date: 17/04/2025