

Notice Type:	SAFE Notice		
Location:	North Craven		
Subject Title:	Stratford Coal Loop Decommissioning		
Corridor/line:	Telarah - Acacia Ridge		
Control Board:	NCCS Coast A		
Kilometrage:	291.295	To:	293.220
Effective From:	17/05/2025	Time1:	0700 hrs
Effective To:	19/05/2025	Time2:	1900 hrs

Reference Documents:

Train Alteration Advice:	0570-2025
Route Access Standard:	D33
Network Information Book:	OGW-30-21

General Details / Operating Condition:

Commencing at 0700 hours Saturday 17th May 2025 to 1900 hours Monday 19th May 2025, or until the works are completed, the decommissioning of Stratford Branch Line and Coal Loop at North Craven will be undertaken.

The works will include:

- Removal and straight-railing of 53A points, where the Stratford Branch connects to the Main Line at North Craven,
- Removal of Stratford Branch and Stratford Coal Loader Loop Lines,
- Removal of signalling and infrastructure assets directly associated with both the Stratford Branch and Stratford Coal Loader Loop Lines, and
- The removal of the X35 permanent speed board for 53A points turnout from the Main Line.

The following existing infrastructure will be altered, commissioned and booked into use:

- **Signals**

Equipment Identifier	Track	Facing Direction	Existing Location	New Location	Details / Change
11-13	Main Line	Down	291.295	No Change	Permanently remove the 13B route signalling (Low Speed to Branch Line) and route indicator ('B' Stencil) for the Stratford Branch Line from the existing 11-13 Signal.

- **Rail Vehicle Detection**

Equipment Identifier	Description	Track	Details / Change
6DT	HVI Track Circuit	Main Line	Permanently remove the R2 relay from 6DT track circuit as the 53 points turnout for the Stratford Branch Line is being removed.

The following existing infrastructure will be permanently booked out and removed:

- **Signals**

Equipment Identifier	Track	Facing Direction	Location	Details / Change
11-15	Branch Line	Down	292.340	Permanent removal of 11-15 Signal.
11-16	Branch Line	Up	292.445	Permanent removal of 11-16 Signal.
11-18	Branch Line	Up	291.840	Permanent removal of 11-18 Signal.

- **Points**

Equipment Identifier	Track	Location	Details / Change
53A	Main Line	291.780	Permanent removal of points from Main Line to Stratford Branch Line, straight rail of the Main Line.
53B	Branch Line	291.845	Permanent removal of catchpoints on the Stratford Branch Line.
54	Branch Line	292.775	Permanent removal of points from the Stratford Coal Loop to the Stratford Branch Line.

- **Rail Vehicle Detection**

Equipment Identifier	Description	Location	Details / Change
16AT	HVI Track Circuit	Branch Line	Permanent removal of the feed and relay equipment.
16BT	HVI Track Circuit	Branch Line	Permanent removal of the feed and relay equipment.
A16T	HVI Track Circuit	Branch Line	Permanent removal of the feed and relay equipment.
CN11B	Location Case	Branch Line	Permanent removal of the CN11B Location Case.
CN11C	Location Case	Branch Line	Permanent removal of the CN11C Location Case.

- **Signage**

Equipment Identifier	Track	Location	Details / Change
X35	Main Line	291.760	Permanent removal of the 53 points turnout permanent speed board from the Main Line.
W7-4B	Branch Line	291.855	Permanent removal of the Level Crossing Warning Board for Woods Road Level Crossing from the Stratford Branch Line.

The decommissioning and alterations to infrastructure noted above will involve route-setting activities, signal testing and track circuit testing.

Safeworking Arrangements:

All work must be carried out as per the appropriate ARTC Network Rules and Procedures.

As required an infrastructure Booking Advice (ANRF 003) must be compiled as per ARTC NSW Rules & Procedures ANWT 312 Infrastructure Booking Advice ANPR 704 Using Infrastructure Booking Advice, to book out of use, back into of use, commission, and permanently remove infrastructure.

The Phoenix System for NCCS Coast A will be updated to reflect the infrastructure changes listed above.

Additional Details:

This SAFE Notice will serve as an amendment to both the Network Information Book(s) and Route Access Standard(s) of the infrastructure changes as detailed above.

Amendments to Network Information Book:**OGW-30-21 Coast A – Telarah (exc) to Kempsey (exc)**Section 1.5.3 Interlockings and Sidings

DELETE: 291.780 Stratford Colliery balloon loop

Section 2.10 Craven (CVN)

General Arrangements

DELETE: When trains are required to work to and from Craven and Stratford siding, they will operate under Yard working conditions.
Craven interlocking also controls the entry and exit of trains to and from the Stratford siding.
Refer safety interface agreement IA1718 for further details.

Emergency Operation of Points

DELETE: The ESMLs for 54 points which is located adjacent to the points on the side of the signal cupboard named CN11C.

Woods Road Level Crossing

DELETE: Stratford Branch 291.849km

Diagrams

AMEND: South Craven NIB-T0474
North Craven NIB-T0475
Line Diagram

Amendment to Route Access Standard:**D33 Acacia Ridge - Maitland**

Section 1 Network Diagram

AMEND: Reference to *Stratford Junc 291.843*
DELETE: Reference to *Coal Balloon Loop (Private)*

Section 2 Route Capacity

AMEND: References to *Stratford Junction*

Section 4 Permanent Speed Restrictions

DELETE: *Craven 291.760 X35* from the table
AMEND: Reference to *Stratford Balloon Loop Junction 291.780*
DELETE: Entire *Stratford Balloon Loop Branch Permanent Speeds Table*

A copy of the updated Drivers Diagram for Craven is provided as an attachment to this SAFE notice.

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:

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Approval:

Approved by: Delivery Support Manager, Network Control Centre South

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