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Right of Way

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17.5. Right of Way

17.5.1 Requirements During Patrol Inspections

17.5.1.1. Trespasser Control

A general requirement at all times is to:

- Ensure that all persons working on ARTC property have appropriate authority.
- Report as soon as possible to Train Control the presence of any unauthorised persons on ARTC property.
- Advise unauthorised persons that they need to immediately vacate ARTC land and escort them from the property.
- Advise Train Control of any person suspected of interfering with railway equipment or operations and take appropriate action by obtaining the particulars of any offending person or persons and witnesses including names and addresses where possible.

17.5.1.2. Damage Caused by Vandalism/Unreported Incidents

A general requirement at all times is to report to Train Control:

- Damage to equipment or features within the Right of Way
- Restrictions or obstructions to rail traffic
- Restrictions or obstructions to other traffic types or users within the Right of Way

17.5.2 Other Inspections

The Contractor shall carry out other inspections and assessments in order to determine annual work plans.

17.5.3 Pest Animals

Pest Animals shall be controlled so that their activities do not degrade ARTC assets. Their activities shall be assessed against the following criteria:

- Damage to earthworks and/or drains and waterways caused by pest animals, normally rabbits.
- Damage to shoulder ballast by grazing stock on unfenced lines.

17.5.4 Maintenance of Access Control

Fencing, gates and other access controls that ARTC is legally obliged to maintain, shall be maintained to a standard that minimises the risk of unauthorised persons, vehicles, plant, equipment and livestock entering the right of way and causing injury or disruption to ARTC's operations.

17.5.4.1. Cattle Grids

(a) Public Level Crossings

The risk of stock entering the rail corridor at level crossings on fenced lines should be assessed. If a risk assessment shows that they are required, cattle grids should be provided.

(b) Private Level Crossings

At new private crossings, gates or cattle grids should be provided on the boundary fence where necessary. Gates are to be kept closed locked except for road vehicle passage.

17.5.5 Herbicides

17.5.5.1. Herbicides Application

The Contractor shall be responsible for the application of all herbicides, and strictly adhere to approved methods for handling, application and use of all chemicals.

All herbicide application, storage and handling shall be in accordance with the appropriate Australian Standard and Code of Practice. The Contractor shall be responsible for the safe handling and transport of herbicides.

The rate of application of herbicides shall be the minimum required to achieve the desired control.

The Contractor shall ensure that all herbicides are applied strictly in accordance with their label, that personnel applying the herbicides are licensed to do so and that herbicides are not applied to watercourses.

The Work Plan shall define all areas to be excluded from the application of herbicides.

The Contractor shall maintain a detailed record of all herbicide application.

Liquid or powdered herbicides shall not be applied in adverse weather conditions.

(a) Application Equipment

The Contractor shall ensure that all equipment used to apply herbicides is:

- Adequately calibrated
- Suitable for the designated use
- Continually monitored to ensure that herbicides are applied at the correct rate and location

(b) Off target Damage

The Contractor is responsible for all costs incurred as the result of all off target damage including damage to adjacent property.

(c) Control of Noxious Weeds

The Contractors Work Plan shall include the strategy for the control of noxious weeds or pest plants within the Right of Way.

Local Animal and Plant Control Board Officers monitor the growth of noxious weeds in their respective areas. Where proclaimed weeds are identified on the Right of Way the Contractor shall negotiate with the Local Officer to determine the appropriate method of treatment (if required).

17.5.5.2. Herbicide Purchase and Use

The Contractor shall be responsible for purchasing all herbicides and associated chemicals required for work carried out under the Contract unless otherwise directed by ARTC and as defined in the Work Plan.

The Contractor shall ensure that the herbicides purchased are registered for the planned use within the appropriate States or Territories

All herbicides used must be as specified in the Contractors Work Plan. The Contractor shall not use herbicides other than those specified in the Work Plan agreed with ARTC.

The Contractor shall develop a strategy to inhibit the development of herbicide resistance over the period of the contract. This shall be defined within the Work Plan.