

Notice Type:	SAFE Notice
Location:	Port Waratah to Muswellbrook
Subject Title:	Trial of Coded Points Blocking with Local Possession Authorities and Track Occupancy Authorities
Corridor/line:	Hunter Valley
Effective From:	14/05/2024
Effective To:	26/10/2024

Reference Documents:

Train Alteration Advice:	
Network Rules:	ANWT 302 Local Possession Authority and ANWT 304 Track Occupancy Authority

General Details / Operating Condition:

Commencing on 14th May 2024 to 26th October 2024, ARTC will undertake a trial of the use of 'Coded Points Block' (Switch Lock Blocks (Blocking Facilities)) applied by the Network Controller at the NCCN. The trial is only to be applied where a Local Possession Authority or Track Occupancy Authority is to be authorised for 'rail grinding' operations within Rail Vehicle Detection territories in the Hunter Valley Corridor.

During the trial for rail grinding operations and the use of Coded Points Block, no other worksites are to be established within the possession limits.

The Coded Points Block must be applied by the Network Controller to intermediate points of entry within the limits of the Local Possession Authority or Track Occupancy Authority to prevent unauthorised rail traffic from entering and exiting the Authority.

Safeworking Arrangements:**Additional Details:**

In exception to the Network Rules and Procedures for a Local Possession Authority and a Track Occupancy Authority during the trial, the Possession Protection Officer or Protection Officer will not be required to clip and lock the points where the Network Controller can set and lock intermediate points of entry and apply Coded Points Block with system generated security codes. During the trial when a Coded Points Block is to be applied, Network Controllers must use the type 'eTAP block code' within the Phoenix Train Control System.

NOTE: Where Coded Points Blocks with system generated security codes are not available at intermediate points of entry, the Possession Protection Officer or Protection Officer must secure the points with point clips and locks.

Local Possession Authority and a Track Occupancy Authority**Possession Protection Officer or Protection Officer**

The Possession Protection Officer or Protection Officer when requesting the Authority, must confirm with the Network Controller that Coded Points Block will be used on intermediate points of entry.

The Possession Protection Officer or Protection Officer must tell the Network Controller the:

- location of the points, and
- points number, and
- required position of the points (Normal or Reverse).

Network Controller

The Network Controller must:

- tell the Possession Protection Officer or Protection Officer that Coded Points Block is available for use, and
- confirm the location and position of the points (Normal or Reverse), and
- apply Coded Points Block to each set of points, and
- tell the Possession Protection Officer or Protection Officer the system generated security code for each Coded Points Block applied and the points identification number.

NOTE: Network Controller must not write down or record security codes issued for Coded Points Block.

Possession Protection Officer or Protection Officer

The Possession Protection Officer or Protection Officer must:

- confirm the position of the points, and
- record in permanent form the security code for each Coded Points Block on the Coded Points Block Trial PPO/PO Record form.

When fulfilling the Authority, the Possession Protection Officer or Protection Officer must tell the Network Controller the security code for each Coded Points Block.

Network Controllers, Possession Protection Officers and Protection Officers involved in the trial must be briefed in the process and requirements prior to the use of Coded Points Block, and recorded in permanent form.

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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