

Notice type	SAFE Notice
Title	Coded Points Blocking with Local Possession Authorities & Track Occupancy Authorities

AFFECTED AREA

Network Control	Control Centre NCCN (Broadmeadow) Boards Port Waratah, Kooragang, Lower Hunter, Upper Hunter 1, Middle Hunter
Network Area	All areas within the defined Network Control Centre(s) and Board(s)

EFFECTIVE PERIOD

Date and time	From/at Sun, 22 Mar 2026 06:00 AEST	To Fri, 18 Sep 2026 05:00 AEST
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REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

Other notices	Empty
Train Alteration Advice	Empty
Route Access Standards	Empty
NIBs	Empty

OPERATING CONDITIONS (GENERAL DETAILS)

Commencing on 22nd March 2026 until 18th September 2026, ARTC authorises the use of the ‘Coded Points Block’ applied by the Network Controller at the NCCN on the Phoenix Train Control system. This 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 territory in the Hunter Valley Corridors.

During the 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 all 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

In exception to the Network Rules and Procedures for a Local Possession Authority and a Track Occupancy Authority, 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 points of entry and apply Coded Points Block with system generated security codes.

NOTE: Where Coded Points Blocks with system generated security codes are not available at 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 points of entry.

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

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

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) or track direction, and
- apply Coded Points Block ('CPB' block code) 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 in the worksite diary or other suitable location.

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 must be briefed in the process and requirements prior to the use of Coded Points Block and recorded in permanent form.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

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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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