

Notice type	National Notice
Title	NCCN - North - Altered Safeworking Arrangements for Hunter Valley Closedown

AFFECTED AREA

Network Control	Control Centre NCCN (Broadmeadow) Boards Upper Hunter 1, Upper Hunter 2, Upper Hunter 3, North
Network Area	All areas within the defined Network Control Centre(s) and Board(s)

EFFECTIVE PERIOD

Date and time	From/at Tue, 22 Sep 2026 06:30 AEST	To Fri, 25 Sep 2026 06:30 AEST
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REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

Other notices	Empty
Train Alteration Advice	0013-2026
Route Access Standards	Empty
NIBs	OGW-30-17, OGW-30-18, OGW-30-19, OGW-30-20

OPERATING CONDITIONS (GENERAL DETAILS)

For the Hunter Valley Maintenance Closedown, Local Possession Authorities (LPA) will be authorised up to the Private Line Maintenance Interface Boundaries, as described in the applicable Safety Interface Agreements (IA) listed below.

As part the Hunter Valley Maintenance Closedowns, at times infrastructure works will need to be undertaken on the ARTC Network up to and over these Private Line Maintenance Interface Boundaries.

SAFEWORKING ARRANGEMENTS

In addition to ARTC Network Rules and Procedures NSFW 302 Local Possession Authority and NSFP 700 Using a Local Possession Authority, where worksites are located up to and over the Private Line Maintenance Interface Boundaries and are less than 500m from the end limit of the LPA, works can be undertaken with the following safeworking arrangements:

- 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 or stop sign in front of the rail traffic preventing entry to the worksite.

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

- Obtain assurances from the Network Controller that an isolation has not already been and will not be granted on the points leading into the Private Line for the duration of the works, and
- Obtain assurances from the Network Controller there is no rail traffic within the Private Line (#) for the duration of the works, **or**
- Obtain an assurance from the Private Line Owner that any rail traffic located within the Private Line is stabled and will not be moved.

And also

- Have agreed protection arrangements with the Private Line Owner for the works to be undertaken safely up to and over the maintenance interface boundary, and
- Advise the Network Controller of the works to occur within 500m of the LPA limits, and the agreed arrangements with the Private Line Owner, and
- Advise the PPO of the agreed arrangements with the Private Line Owner and if rail traffic within the private line is stabled and that assurances that it will not be moved have been confirmed, and
- Seek authorisation from the PPO to protect the worksite and commence work, and
- Place a STOP Sign/Red Light:
 - a minimum of 500m from the worksites on the Private Line, **or**
 - at the controlled absolute signal or stop sign in advance of the rail traffic.

Important: Where an isolation has already been granted, works cannot be undertaken up to and over the maintenance interface boundary until agreed arrangements are obtained between the PO and the Private Line Owner and controls are implemented and documented.

Possession Protection Officer (PPO) must:

- Confirm with the PO that they have obtained and verified all the necessary assurances required of their duties, and
- Authorise the PO to place protection and commence work.

At the completion of works:**Protection Officer (PO) must:**

- Remove the Stop Sign/Red Light, and
- Advise the Private Line Owner, Network Controller and PPO that the works are completed, and protection has been removed.

NOTE: Tracks within the LPA must be protected as per NSFW 302 Using a Local Possession Authority.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

Requirements in the Safeworking Arrangements section above marked with an # only applied to those Private Lines also marked with an # in the table below.

The nominated Safety Interface Agreement(s) for this Notice are:

Private Line		Interface Agreement No.
#	Bengalla Coal Loop	IA 1610
#	Boggabri Coal Loop	IA 2204
#	Dartbrook Coal loop	IA 1623
	Mangoola Coal Loop	IA 1606
	Maules Creek / Boggabri East Branch Line	IA 2203
	Moolarben oal Loop	IA 1604
	Mount Pleasant Coal Loop	IA 1609
#	Narrabri Coal Loop	IA 2221
#	Ulan Coal Loop	IA 1605
	Whitehaven Coal Loop Gunnedah	IA 2214
	Whitehaven Coal Loop Werris Creek	IA 1601
	Wilpinjong Coal Loop	IA 1607

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.

CONTACTS

Possession Protection Officer	PPO North	(02)49029460
Bengalla Coal Loop Day Shift #1	Luke Holz - Maintenance Superintendent	0417432797
Bengalla Coal Loop Day Shift #2	Chris Wright - Maintenance Supervisor	0437260728
Bengalla Coal Loop Night Shift	CRO	(02)65429555
Boggabri Coal Loop 24/7	Mick Shultz 0417 188 007	0417188007
Boggabri Coal Loop Nights	Production Super	0411727124
Dartbrook Coal Loop Day	CRO	(02)65408988
Dartbrook Coal Loop	Jeff Beatty	0438737629
Mangoola Coal Loop 24/7	CHPP Control Room	(02)65495660
Maules Creek/Boggabri East Day	Joe Thompson	(02)67497854

Maules Creek/Boggabri East Night	WH Logistics On Call - (Jack or Kristen)	(02)49272387
Maules Creek Coal Loop Day	Joe Thompson	(02)67497854
Maules Creek Coal Loop Night	WH Logistics On Call - (Jack or Kristen)	(02)49272387
Moolarben Coal Loop 24/7	CHPP Control Room	0263761551
Mount Pleasant Coal Loop Day	Thomas Wilson	0408781412
Mount Pleasant Coal Loop Night	Load Point Super	(02)55171110
Narrabri Coal Loop Day	Richard Hull	0438523685
Narrabri Coal Loop Night	Narrabri Shift Supervisor	0488012559
Whitehaven Coal Loop Gunnedah Day	Derek Welsh	0418502512
Whitehaven Coal Loop Gunnedah Night	WH Logistics On Call - (Jack or Kristen)	(02)49272387
Whitehaven Coal Loop Werris Creek Day	Dane Fuller	0429473259
Whitehaven Coal Loop Werris Creek Night	WH Logistics On Call - (Jack or Kristen)	(02)49272387
Ulan Coal Loop 24/7	Matt Ashford	0499981811
Wilpinjong Coal #1	CHPP Supervisor	0417521157
Wilpinjong Coal #2	CRO	(02)63702476
APPROVED BY	Delivery Support Manager NCCN	14/09/2026