

Possession Notice

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Improving Possession Safety and Performance

Reinforce Requirements When Working in the Vicinity of Rail Infrastructure During a LPA

This information has been prepared to inform and reinforce to Sydney Trains' employees, contractors, TfNSW and Operators of the requirements to fully comply with the Sydney Trains Network Rules and Procedures and all applicable possession procedures and requirements.

Background

During last weekends (10th – 11th March 2018) Configuration 1 track possession, multiple incidents occurred in relation to damaged infrastructure, in particular to Signalling infrastructure. It was subsequently identified that not all incidents had been reported at the time of occurrence.

Requirement

Asset Scheduling and Delivery Coordination team are to reinforce at the WE38 Configuration 9 track possession pre-possession meeting, this possession notice; and in addition for any subsequent weekend configuration track possession as deemed appropriate, the following information:

- Highlight the range of Signalling infrastructure damage recorded in Configuration 1 track possession which included the following equipment:
 - Points equipment including rodding, back drive, points wiring, and covers
 - Cabling
 - Track circuit equipment
 - Damage to shunting signal
 - GLT (ground trough cable route)
 - Train stop
- Particular attention is required from all work groups, including operators of hi-rail vehicles, track machines and track equipment to be aware of the potential to cause damage to all rail infrastructure.

The Final Word

Each and every person working within a possession area has a responsibility to work in a safe manner and to be aware of their surrounding and comply with all applicable rules and procedures. All incidents occurring within a possession are to be reported to the Possession Management Centre, Rail Management Centre and the Safety Incident and Injury hotline as applicable.

Ensure that the Signalling infrastructure damage highlighted above is discussed at all pre-work briefings prior to the commencement of any work or activity during this weekend's (17th – 18th March 2018) Configuration 9 track possession.

Managers please ensure that these instructions are provided to all Project Owners and Supervisors so that all staff, contractors and plant operators are fully briefed prior to commencing work this weekend (WE38).

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