

Possession Notice

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Improving Possession Safety and Performance

Reinforce Requirements around GIJs and Access Points During Possessions

This information has been prepared to inform Sydney Trains' employees, contractors and TfNSW to reinforce the requirements and adherence to both the Sydney Trains Network Rules and Procedures and all applicable possession procedures for any work on track during possessions.

Background

Following recent planned work on track possessions, there have been highlighted instances of reliability issues related to Glued Insulated Joints (GIJs). The function of GIJs is to electrically isolate rail lengths to allow the signalling system to operate effectively.



There have also been reports of high ballast levels in and around the vicinity of track access points.

Requirement

Asset Scheduling and Delivery team are to reinforce at pre-possession meetings and through the distribution of pre-possession briefing notes, including this notice, the following requirements where work is performed around or near:

- GIJs
- Track access points

All possible care is to be taken by work groups prior to leaving a worksite, to ensure that all high ballast and debris is removed from and around track access points.

In addition, particular attention is required by work groups who are working in close proximity to GIJs, to ensure that any debris, metal filings or other material which could affect the reliable and normal operation of Sydney Trains' infrastructure, is removed prior to leaving the worksite.

The Final Word

Managers please ensure that these instructions are provided to all Project Owners and Supervisors.



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