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Improving Possession Safety and Performance

Work Trains and Track Vehicles passing signals at STOP within Possessions

This information has been prepared to inform Sydney Trains' employees, contractors, TfNSW and Operators on the correct procedure to allow a work train or track vehicle to pass absolute or permissive signals at STOP within the limits of a Local Possession Authority (LPA).

Background

There have been an increasing number of Safe Working incidents involving work train crews and track vehicles operators incorrectly passing signals at STOP. This Possession Notice is to remind workers of the correct requirements for passing signals at STOP within LPA's.

Passing an Absolute (Controlled) Signal at Stop



Controlled

The Work train crew or Track vehicle Operator must obtain the Signaller's permission before passing an absolute signal at STOP.

There may be requirements when a work train or track vehicle is required to pass an absolute signal at STOP multiple times to conduct work, for example grinding operations in the vicinity of an absolute signal. The track vehicle operator or Work train crew must get permission from the Signaller, and come to agreed arrangements about the movements to be made. The track vehicle operator or work train crew must advise the signaller when the work is completed.

Passing a Permissive (Automatic) Signal at Stop



Automatic

Track vehicles may pass permissive signals at STOP on the direction of the Possession Protection Officer (PPO) a Protection Officer (PO) or the Pilot for the movement.

Work Trains may pass permissive signals at STOP on the direction of the Pilot. All work train movements within an LPA must be piloted.

The Final Word

While travelling in the LPA and you are required to pass a signal at STOP, all track vehicle operators, work train crew and pilots must comply to Network Rules NWT 314 Work Trains and NWT 316 Track Vehicle.

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

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