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Placing Intermediate Warning signs for temporary speed restrictions

This information has been prepared to inform Qualified Workers about the requirements of Intermediate Warning signs.

During a temporary speed restriction on affected portions of track, temporary speed restriction signs are placed on the Network in accordance with *NSG 604 Indicators and signs* and *NPR 713 Placing temporary speed signs*.

Rail traffic stopping at platforms between the WARNING and CAUTION signs have been found to be a distraction to Drivers and Track Vehicle Operators, causing:

- over speeding through degraded infrastructure,
- unnecessary cautious travel leading up to the speed restricted area.

Trials using INTERMEDIATE WARNING signs as a final reminder to rail traffic, that a CAUTION sign is ahead, were received with significant positive feedback.

A Safe Notice providing instructions for placing INTERMEDIATE WARNING signs is available on RailSafe.

Intermediate Warning signs

INTERMEDIATE WARNING signs have been used for the purpose of warning rail traffic of an approaching speed restriction, which have not passed the normal WARNING signs.

This is done by attaching a white sign with black text, indicating the calculated distance to the approaching CAUTION sign.

As an additional purpose, INTERMEDIATE WARNING signs can now be also used as a final reminder, to Drivers and Track Vehicle Operators that a Caution sign is ahead.



FIGURE 1: An Intermediate Warning sign indicating 1000m to Caution.

Placing Intermediate Warning Signs

INTERMEDIATE WARNING signs must be placed:

- beyond the departure end of last platform immediately before the speed restricted area
- on the left hand side of the tracks in in view of approaching rail traffic.

See Figure 2.

If the line is bidirectional, place an additional INTERMEDIATE WARNING sign for the other running direction.

See Figure 3.

Condition Affecting the Network (CAN)

Whilst responding to a CAN relating to a speed restriction, Qualified Workers may place INTERMEDIATE WARNING signs as soon as it is practicable after:

- the WARNING, CAUTION and CLEARANCE signs have been placed
- telling the Signaller that the WARNING, CAUTION and CLEARANCE signs have been placed.

This will allow Signallers to cease warning rail traffic of the CAN, whilst the INTERMEDIATE WARNING sign can be placed afterwards, as soon as it is practicable.



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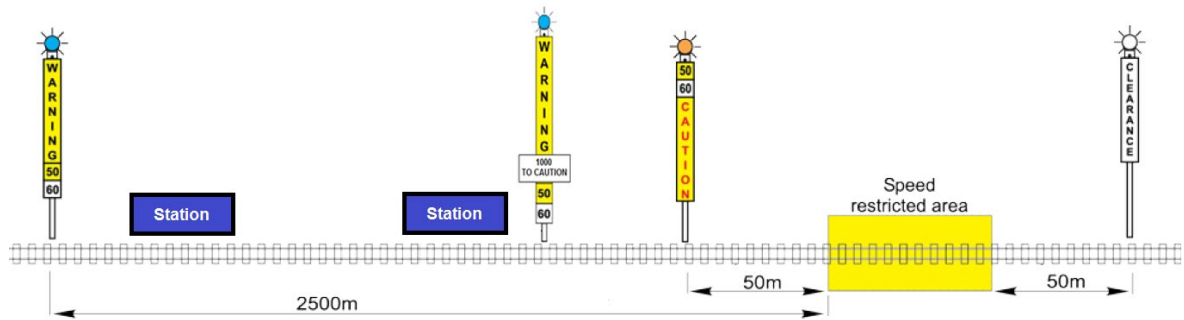


FIGURE 2: Intermediate Warning sign placed beyond the last station stop before the Caution sign.

Intermediate Warning signs on bidirectional track

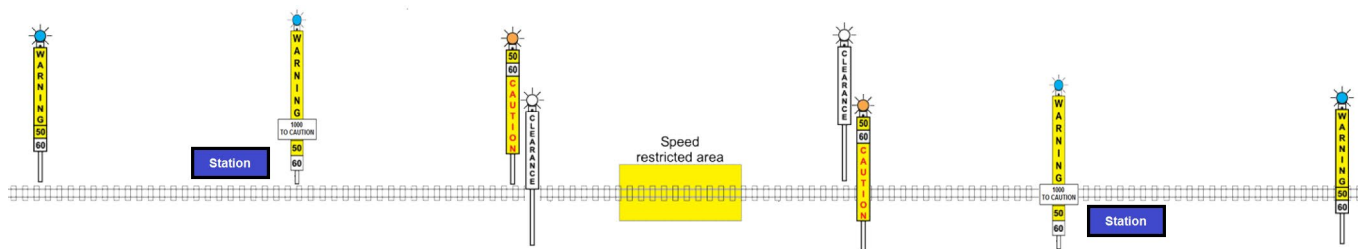


FIGURE 3: Intermediate Warning sign placed in both running directions on a bidirectional track.