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Working in Maintenance Centres and sidings in stabling yards

This information has been prepared to reinforce the requirements in NWT 300 Planning work in the Rail Corridor for working in Maintenance Centres and stabling yards

Within a Maintenance Centre or sidings within a stabling yard, a Protection Officer may arrange to protect a worksite by:

- using work on track authority, or
- using a work on track method, or
- contacting the Qualified Worker responsible for allowing rail traffic entry into the affected portion of track.

If a work on track authority or work on track method, can be used, it must be used to protect the work on track.

If a work on track authority or work on track method is not available, the Protection Officer must contact the persons responsible for allowing rail traffic entry into the affected portion of track, and make arrangements for:

- blocking facilities to be applied to prevent rail traffic entry into the worksite, or
- points to be clipped and locked to prevent rail traffic entry into the worksite



FIGURE 1: Points clipped and locked to prevent rail traffic entry onto the siding

Qualified Workers responsible for rail traffic entry

In Maintenance Centres, or in some sidings within a stabling yard where there are non-interlocked points, and rail traffic movements are not controlled by a Signaller, a Qualified Worker may be provided to control rail traffic movements. Examples of Qualified Workers may include:

- Shunters, or
- Yard masters, or
- Supervisors

Where a Qualified Worker is provided, Protection Officers must contact that person to make arrangements for points to be clipped and locked to prevent rail traffic entry into the worksite.

Where a Qualified Worker is not provided to control rail traffic movements. The Protection Officer must contact the Signaller responsible allowing for rail traffic entry to make protection arrangements.

Stationary rail traffic and worksites

Before work begins, stationary rail traffic within the affected portion of track, must be prevented from moving.

The Qualified Worker or Signaller responsible for rail traffic entry, must tell other affected workers about the location of the worksites.



FIGURE 2: Stabled rail traffic at Canberra sidings.