

HSG Works – LPA Implementation over existing TOA

Purpose:

This Safe Notice has been developed to support works associated with the High Speed Grinder (HSG) consist within a Track Occupancy Authority (TOA) and to support the transition of protection arrangements to Local Possession Authority (LPA).

Special Instructions:

From 2359hrs Monday 11th of August 2025 to 2359hrs Sunday 30th of December 2025, in exception to relevant sections within MWT 302 Local Possession Authority and MWT 304 Track Occupancy Authority which stipulate LPAs and TOAs are issued for exclusive occupancy; it will be permissible to authorise a Local Possession Authority (LPA) overlapping and wholly encompassing the limits of an existing Track Occupancy Authority (TOA).

For the undertaking of this exception the following conditions must be met:

- Conferring and acceptance of the agreed arrangements must take place with the following personnel at time of transition from TOA to LPA:
 - Protection Officer (PO) holding TOA
 - Possession Protection Officer (PPO) for LPA
 - Affected Traffic Controllers (TC)
- Upon authorisation of the LPA that overlaps and wholly encompasses existing TOA limits, the Protection Officer holding the TOA must seek to fulfil the TOA as soon as practicable, in consultation with the relevant workers referenced above.
- As per MWT 304: If arrangements have been made to continue work under another work on track authority, the Protection Officer must ensure that the protection for the TOA is not removed until the new work on track authority is issued and the required protection is in place.

Implementation of this Safe Notice:

To reference and apply this Safe Notice, you must:

- have possession of this Safe Notice
- have possession of and have been briefed on the relevant HSG Work Instructions; refer to **HSG-BEL Consist Operations Control Instructions in ATC Bypass at 60km/h & HSG-BEL Consist Operating Instructions in ATC Bypass at 60km/h**
- have been briefed on HSG works via relevant briefing pack issued by MTS Possessions



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