



Working within 500 metres of a Local Possession Authority (LPA) boundary

Purpose:

This SAFE Notice has been provided to support the use of ATS blocking facilities supported by a peer review to allow for establishment and protection of worksites within 500 metres of the Local Possession Authority (LPA) boundary. This SAFE Notice supersedes and cancels **SAFE Notice 2025 - 016 issued on 25 September 2025**.

Special Instructions for Qualified Workers within their relevant areas:

From 1800hrs Tuesday 23 June 2026 to 1800hrs 20 December 2026, in exception to relevant sections within *MWT 302 Local Possession Authority & MPR 700 Using a Local Possession Authority*, it will be permissible to establish worksites within 500 metres of an LPA boundary within a track possession provided the following controls are implemented:

1. The GAMA Zone is removed for the area containing the worksite within 500m of LPA Boundary preventing UTO/PM movement into the affected portion of track, and
2. Blocking facilities implemented by the Traffic Controller at the LPA limits containing the worksite within 500m are *peer reviewed* and verified by another Qualified Worker trained & competent in ATS, and
3. The Possession Protection Officer is informed of the blocking facilities implemented by the relevant Traffic Controller and an agreement is established regarding the location/assets to which blocking facilities have been applied.

Note: In accordance with *MGE 236 Responsibilities of Traffic Controllers*, *MGE 238 Responsibilities of Protection Officers* and *MGE 204 Network Communications*, all communications regarding work on track authorities including ATS *peer review* must be recorded in permanent form.

Where the above controls cannot be applied, a STOP BLOCK may be implemented at the possession limit to allow worksites within worksites 500 metres of the Track Possession Boundary.

Implementing this Safe Notice: Possession Protection Officer (PPO):

Prior to establishing worksite within 500 metres of the Local Possession Authority (LPA) boundary, ensure that:

- you are in possession of this SAFE Notice,
- you have received assurances from the affected Traffic Controller that the additional controls as prescribed above have been implemented for the affected portion of track, and
- you have briefed all workers involved in the track possession area of the protection arrangements and the relevant instructions provided in this SAFE Notice.

Implementing this Safe Notice: affected Traffic Controller/s:

Prior to establishing worksite within 500 metres of the Local Possession Authority (LPA) boundary, ensure that:

- you are in possession of this SAFE Notice,
- the above special instructions & controls have been implemented in full for the area containing the worksite within 500m of LPA Boundary
- when handing over the workstation for any purpose, that the incoming TC is made aware of the protection arrangements and obtain an assurance that the protection arrangements will not be removed unless agreed with the Possession Protection Officer

Regards,



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