

Safety Alert

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This alert has been issued following an incident where a PO inadvertently selected “Yes” for “Is the track suitable for line speed operations?” question on handback of a Track Occupancy authority instead of selecting “No.” The error was promptly realised, and the PO initiated an emergency call to the NC to inform them of the issue and the requirement of imposing a temporary speed restriction. This resulted in a train traversing the area at line speed, potentially damaging the asset.

All are reminded that in accordance with **COR-PR-029 Pre-work Brief and Worksite Protection Plan Procedure**. The worksite supervisor is responsible for:

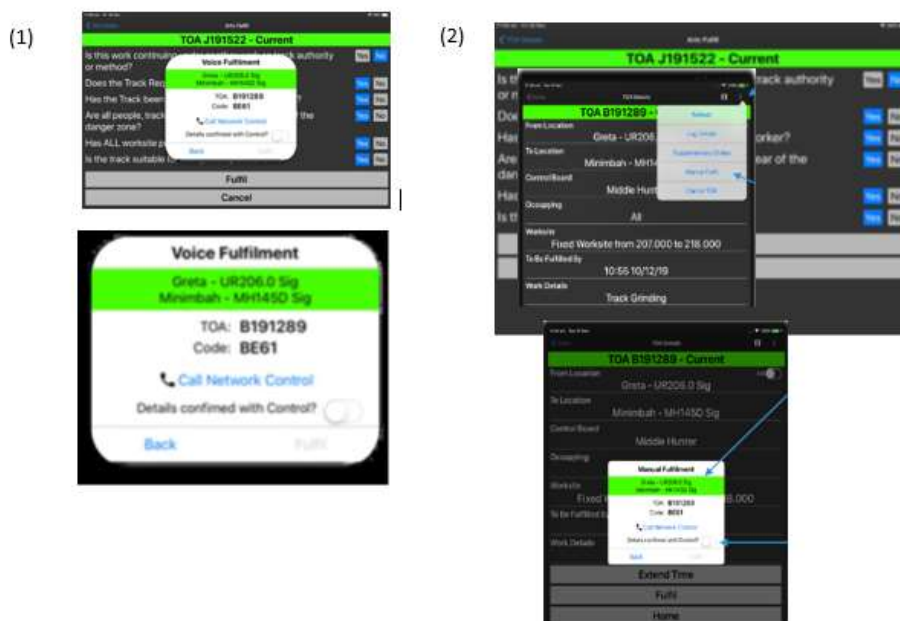
- Confirming with the Protection Officer/Track Force Protection Coordinator/Track Worker at completion of works, that the track is handed back fit for use and/or any restrictions have been notified to the Network Controller.

In addition, the PO/TFPC/TW must at the end of works **'STOP & THINK'** and cross check with the Worksite Supervisor that:

- All people, track vehicles and equipment are clear of the danger zone
- All worksite protection has been removed and
- The Track is suitable for line speed operations

NOTE: Where an ETAP TOA is in place (NSW ONLY), the PO may fulfil by either completing the questions on the ETAP APP (data fulfilment) or by calling the Network Controller (voice fulfilment). In the event that a Temporary Speed Restriction is required to be implemented, voice fulfilment must be selected either by:

- (1) Fulfilment through the assurance questions in ETAP or,
- (2) Selecting manual fulfilment within ETAP



Both will prompt a call to be initiated by the PO to the Network Controller. A block code will be provided through eTap allowing the TOA to be fulfilled once the TSR is in place. This allows the Network Controller to CAN warn trains until the speed boards are erected.

General Actions Required for distribution of this Safety Alert

1. Place Safety Alert on display and make copies of this alert available to people who report to you (without regular email access) and ensure that the contents of the safety alert are discussed/explained to your staff.
2. If engaging contractors, ensure they are made aware of current ARTC Safety Alerts.
3. Ensure a method of sign-off is obtained (eg via tool-box/safety meetings/morning briefings etc) to verify that the Safety Alert has been distributed and discussed.
4. If you have any safety concerns with this Safety Alert please speak directly to your supervisor.