

# Safety Alert

**ARTC No. 113**  
**Issued 19/07/2019**

## ISSUING A TOA OVER A CSB (NSW Only)

### Incident details:

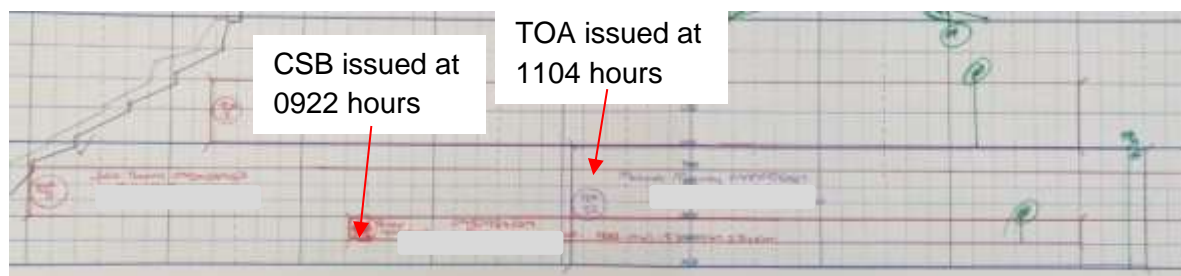
This Safety Alert has been issued in response to an incident where a Track Occupancy Authority (TOA) was issued over a previously issued Controlled Signal Blocking (CSB). Neither work group on track were aware of each other until a Road Rail Vehicle travelled into and through the CSB worksite limits.

As per Network Rule ANWT 304 Track Occupancy Authority - A TOA authorises occupation of track, within specified limits for an agreed period and provides exclusive occupancy except for a joint occupancy by mutual agreement with the holder of another TOA or the holder of a Track Work Authority providing the worksite limits do not overlap.

Before authorising a TOA, The Network Controller must make sure the track is unoccupied and will remain unoccupied for the agreed period and the Protection Officer is informed of any existing obstructions.

As per Network Rule ANWT 308 Controlled Signal Blocking – A CSB is authorised for working in the *Danger Zone* to exclude rail traffic from a portion of track. A CSB must not be used where a work on track authority is in place and must be applied to absolute signals only.

In this instance the Network Controller should have identified on the Train Control Graph that the CSB had already been issued for the portion of track and should not have issued the TOA over the CSB.



### **All Network Controllers are reminded to:**

- **Confirm the limits of the work on track authority do not conflict with another work on track method, and**
- **If so advise the Protection Officer that their request is refused.**

### For your action

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 (e.g. 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.

### Further information

- All Safety Alerts issued can be [found here](#).
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