



AUSTRALIAN RAIL TRACK CORPORATION LTD
Route Access Condition Notice
12-00003

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Requested By:	AK Car Joint Venture
Subject:	Operation of AK train consist through Bylong No 3 tunnel
Effective Period:	07/01/2013 – 07/03/2013
Amendment Type:	Permanent (to be added to RAS)

Note: Permanent Route Access Condition Notices (RACN) are periodically updated in the ARTC Route Access Standard (RAS), at which time the relevant RACN is withdrawn.

RAS Reference:

Section: General Pages and H4 **Version No.:** 1.1 **Page/s:** All

ARTC Network Location:

Line Section: Muswellbrook – Ulan Balloon Loop
Kms: -km - -km

Refer Toc Waiver 12188, 11068 and LAU 360, Local appendix North (Volume 3)

The AK car train consist is permitted to operate with AK car train crew and Rail Safety Worker passengers through the Bylong no 3 tunnel until 07/03/2013 under the following conditions,

Details of RACN:

1 – AK car train consist to be hauled by no more than 1 off locomotive (S1 speed category locomotive or L 1 or L0 load category locomotive not permitted to haul AK car consist)

2 – AK car train consist must have all doors closed and air conditioning switched off for period during transit through tunnel.

3 -The AK car train consist must carry sufficient Breathing Apparatus Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) to accommodate the AK crew plus any additional personnel riding in the AK car consist for self-rescue. The PPE equipment must be of the MSA SSR 90 or equivalent intended to be

used for self- rescue purposes.

4- The AK train consist will be required to wait for an interval of 60 minutes after the proceeding train has travelled through the Bylong (Ulan No 3) Tunnel before entering the Bylong (Ulan No 3) Tunnel.

5 -Pre-work brief to be undertaken by the AK car crew and all passengers prior to entering the tunnel on the day the trip is to occur highlighting as a minimum the requirements for operation through the tunnel, confirming procedures for AK car set up prior to entering tunnel, confirming there are sufficient breathing apparatus, confirming locations of equipment, confirming that all passengers have current training in the use of the breathing apparatus, and confirming evacuation procedures should the need arise.

6 All other detail as per TOC 11068 and LAU 360.

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