



AUSTRALIAN RAIL TRACK CORPORATION LTD

## Route Access Condition Notice

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**RAS Reference:**

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**Line Section:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Kms:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Wording maximum deleted for section 2.3 and table 2.3.1**

From: **2.3 Maximum Length of Trains**

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Intrastate Network	
As specified in Access Agreements	

Note: **maximum** length may be determined by available train path length.

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