

Route Access Condition Notice

15-00031

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ARTC Network Location:

Line Sections & Kms: ADELAIDE to MELBOURNE

Details of RACN:

RACN 1500031 details the changes regarding the operation of 1800m long trains between Adelaide and Melbourne. These length of trains must be 'application only' until the infrastructure is upgraded to accommodate this.

Details as below:

2.3 Length of Trains

Operators shall provide an effective means of accurately determining the length of a train (including locomotives). The length of a train shall not exceed the specified maximum length for any portion of the train's transit. For long trains, allowance should be made for 'train slack' when determining train length.

The train length is specified in the Access Agreement for that particular train over the corridors of operation and may be equal to or less than the network infrastructure limits (refer to table 2.3.1).

The length is specified to enable the train to transit through the network within the scheduled transit time. Trains not exceeding the length are able to cross or pass other trains at most crossing loop locations distributed within that corridor with either train able to be accommodated within the location's main line or crossing loop facility.

ARTC shall specify the length of trains within the Access Agreement where the train length is required to vary from the network infrastructure limits.

Except as provided for in section 2.3, operators shall ensure the specified train length shall not be exceeded at any time and make allowance for rolling stock (including locomotives) to be attached within the network.

Table 2.3.1 ARTC Infrastructure Train Length Limits

AREA	TRAIN LENGTH (M)
DEFINED INTERSTATE RAIL NETWORK	
ACACIA RIDGE – ISLINGTON JUNCTION	1500
PORT BOTANY – MELBOURNE	1800
MELBOURNE - ADELAIDE	1500 / 1800¹
GOOBANG JUNC - COOTAMUNDRA	1800
GOOBANG JUNC – BROKEN HILL	1800
BROKEN HILL – ADELAIDE	1800
ADELAIDE – PARKESTON	1800
INTRASTATE NETWORK	
AS SPECIFIED IN ACCESS AGREEMENTS	

Note: length may be determined by available train path loop length.

¹ **MELBOURNE - ADELAIDE – paths exceeding 1500m on application in advance only**

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