

Notice Type:

Train Operating Conditions (TOC) Waiver

Subject Title:

Northern NSW Long Grain Train Trial

Operator(s):

Pacific National

Effective From:

09/10/2024

Effective To:

09/10/2025

Reference Documents:

Route Access Standard:

RAS General Information & RAS Section Page H2

General Details / Operating Condition:

This Operational Notice approves the operation of the Pacific National North West Grain Services between Chilcotts Creek and Parkville as a Bank Locomotive Distributed Power Service provided the train:

Operating Condition:

1. The Distributed Power Configuration is operated to the guidance of RAS Section Page H2 cl 3.2
2. Has a trailing mass no greater than 5,508 tonne
3. Has a total train length no greater than 1,074m (for crossing/passing movements at Turrawan excluding banker locomotives)
4. The grain wagons are of the following class-types NGKF/NGPF
5. This train may be required to operate with empty wagons in the empty direction without full continuity of the two/MR pipe in the empty direction provided that this is to facilitate marshalling for compliance with the recommendations of ARTC's TOC Manual Section 4 "Train Marshalling" – "Main Reservoir"
6. If the train is to be banked from the head-end or no banking is required, empty and lightly loaded wagons should be marshalled towards the rear of the train per RAS General Information clause 7.1.
7. Up to four banker locomotives may be attached
8. The aggregated power of the hauling banker locomotives shall not exceed 8800hp, the operator is to develop appropriate driving instructions and monitoring strategies to manage the 8800hp limit during this trial
9. While a banking configuration is utilised, wagons within the trailing 1/3 of the train maintain a ratio of Power : Axle Load Mass of 800hp : 1 tonne axle load
10. Approval to operate under this waiver on the ARTC network is subject to an approved path request
11. A copy of this TOC Waiver shall be in the cabs of all crewed locomotives.

Approval:

Approved by:

Drew Palmer

Date:

09/10/2024