



Australian Rail Track Corporation Ltd

# SAFETY ALERT

ARTC NSW No.8



## WORKSITE PROTECTION

### Incident.

Two safeworking qualified employees, a PO2 and a PO4, entered the rail corridor to unload steel sleepers from a Hyab Crane Truck. As a consequence of their actions the crane toppled over (refer to Safety Alert No 6 dated 01 JULY 2005). The steel sleepers and crane jib fouled the running line immediately adjacent to a tight curve through a cutting and a matter of metres from a Type "F" level crossing. The employees were immediately confronted with a very dangerous and potentially lethal situation bought about by their disregard for the safety of themselves, the public and the network. WHY?

### Investigation findings.

This Safety Alert is focussed on the Worksite Protection issues surrounding this incident.

- Employees established a worksite in the rail corridor with out a Risk Assessment and implementing a Worksite Protection Plan.
- There were insufficient resources available to provide even the lowest level of protection and no immediate means of communications to contact Train Control.
- Failed to notify Train Control of their intentions and as a consequence had no idea of train running.
- Failed to protect the track, flags and detonators, while they drove around to find a phone to establish contact with train Control.

### Immediate Action Taken.

Both employees have been stood down pending further investigation.

### Immediate Action Required.

Team Manager to ensure this Safety Alert is communicated to all Work Groups at the very next Prewrite Briefing. Worksite Protection Officers are to ensure their familiarity with the ARTC Network Rules identified as being breached in this Safety Alert. Refer to ANWT300 Planning Work in the Rail Corridor and ANGE 206 Report and Responding to a Condition Affecting a Network.