



Australian Rail Track Corporation Ltd

# SAFETY ALERT



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## **Obligations under the Commonwealth Occupational Health and Safety Act (1991) (s17)**

There is a requirement under section 17 of the Commonwealth Occupational Health & Safety Act, 1991, for employers to do what is necessary to ensure that members of the public are not exposed to a risk or injury as a result of anything that employer does.

ARTC has a duty to members of the public to ensure that all reasonably practical measures are in place to prevent exposure to the hazards associated with unauthorised use of rail access tracks and/or redundant infrastructure.

Members of the public who specifically access the rail network unlawfully can put their health and safety at risk without realising the consequences of their actions.

To mitigate the risks to public that are evident within the rail network and to ensure that identified risks are controlled, all ARTC and Alliance Project Managers will in due course, undertake a specifically focussed risk management training package. This package will enable those relevant people to ensure that when working in the corridor risks to public safety are identified, recorded and controlled.

In the interim all project managers, as defined in the Undertaking as being any person responsible for conducting a risk assessment for a project, are asked to remain vigilant and aware and to record/report any identified issues.