


Safety Alert – March 2019

Rail Safety Incidents during a Local Possession Authority (LPA)

 <p>Audience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All IP employees and contractors working in Heavy Rail 	<p>Contact:</p> <p>Daniel Roche: A/Program Director Rail Infrastructure (RPD) Infrastructure and Place, TfNSW Ph: 0477 047 040</p> <p>Jimmy Borg: Safety Manager Rail Infrastructure (RPD) Infrastructure and Place' TfNSW Ph: 0400 046 940</p>
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Background

In the last two months there have been two serious incidents on the Sydney Trains network where unauthorised rail vehicles have passed into TfNSW project worksites without the correct authority. The drivers passed through the LPA and the Worksite Delineation Markers (protection limits) into the active project areas putting workers at risk.

Sydney Trains Safe Notice 2018 -014, Network Rule (NWT 302), and Network Procedure NPR 700 require that Worksite Delineation Markers (yellow lights) are placed by Protection Officers to delineate worksites within a combined worksite.

TfNSW encourage all PCs working on the heavy rail network to review arrangements for identifying worksite boundaries to ensure they are complying with these requirements.

Lessons Learnt

TfNSW would like to share an example of good practice where a PC contact detail board has been positioned at the worksite limits to provide an additional level of warning to drivers when approaching the boundary. They position a Sandwich Board at the worksite side of the yellow light delineation that:

- shows the PC and PO contact details (mobile phone) and Km of the worksite limits;
- is High Visible (in line with Sydney Trains Standards i.e. not Red or Green);
- is at least 1 metre high, is easily removed, and can be secured in high winds.



To be distributed to all heavy rail contractors and tabled at Safety Interface Meetings.

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