



TITLE/SUBJECT:

Securing Manually Operated Catch Points

Type: Uncontrolled Movement / Rail Traffic Collision / Worker Struck by Rail Traffic

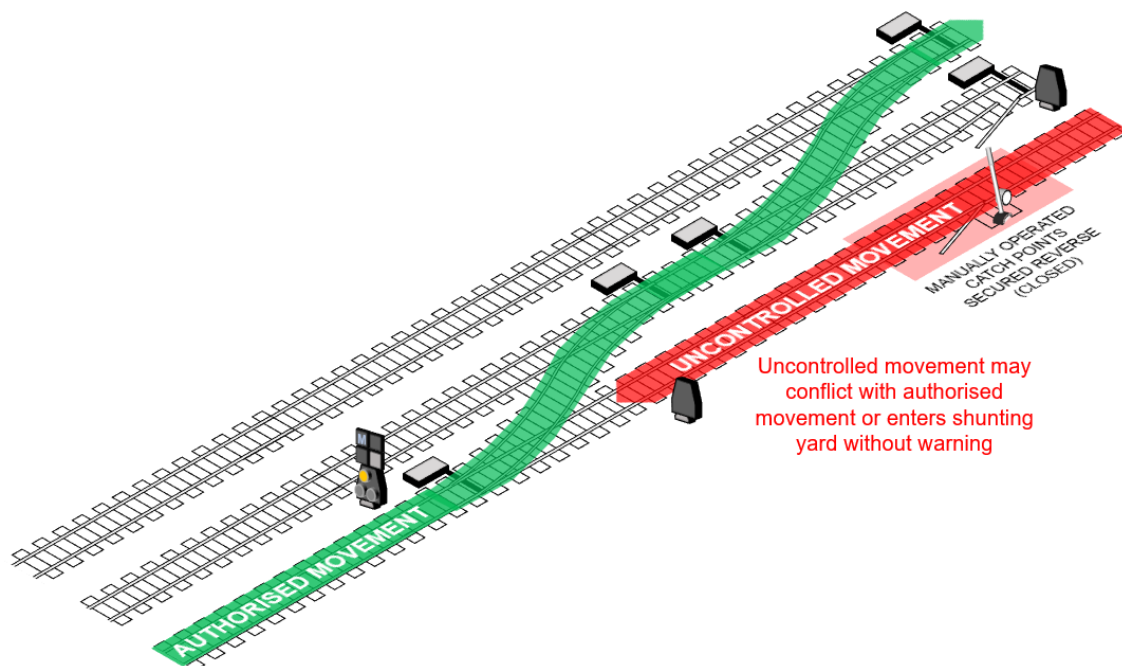
LOCATION

ARTC Network Wide

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Recently, it was identified that a manually operated set of catch points was secured in reverse (closed) on the ARTC network by an operator and left in this state for a prolonged period.

While secured in reverse, the catch points did not provide the required protection to the ARTC network, other operators, and private sidings if an uncontrolled movement was to pass through them.



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In this case, the Network Controller was not advised the points had been secured.

As part of the [ARTC Fatal and Severe risk No.4 – Rail Traffic Collision](#) set routes **must** be clear of confliction.

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ACTION REQUIRED

The following instructions are to be discussed at stand ups/toolbox talks/team briefings:

1. Securing points on the ARTC network must not be undertaken without the authorisation of the Network Controller and following the requirements of Network Rules and Procedures.
2. Catch points are designed to derail uncontrolled rail traffic before it can conflict with other rail traffic or workers on the network. To secure them in reverse is preventing the safety system affording the protections they were installed to provide.
3. Remain vigilant around the network and always report risks to safety.