



**RAIL SAFETY
ALERT No. 4**

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ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES FOR PASSING AUTOMATIC SIGNALS AT STOP IN THE AREA BOUNDED BY LITHGOW AND PENRITH

In addition to the requirements of existing Safeworking units, the following will apply:

In the area bounded by Lithgow and Penrith, no train is to be authorised to pass an automatic signal at STOP until the signaller has confirmed to the driver that the line ahead to the next signal is clear of trains.

Prior to authorising a train to pass a signal at stop, the signaller must ensure that either:

- The preceding train has appeared on the track indicator diagram in the signal box ahead of the signal concerned, or
- The signaller has identified the exact location of the preceding train by direct communication with the driver of that train.

All information relating to the location of the train ahead, and any known track condition, must be conveyed to the driver using the communication protocols laid down in SWU 135.

Upon authorisation the driver must proceed in a manner that will allow the train to stop short of any obstruction on the track.

*The safety of all rail operations within New South Wales
is an absolute priority at all times.*

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