

### Work on Track within RVD Territory

Recently a Safeworking incident occurred within the RVD territory, where blocking facilities were accidentally removed from the signalling system when a valid work on track authority was in place within a yard.

The information from the signalling system within this Safety Alert is provided to help Network Control Officers, Possession Protection Officers, Track Vehicle Operators and Protection Officers strengthen their safety performance in Signalled Territory when applying blocking facilities using the existing signalling system.

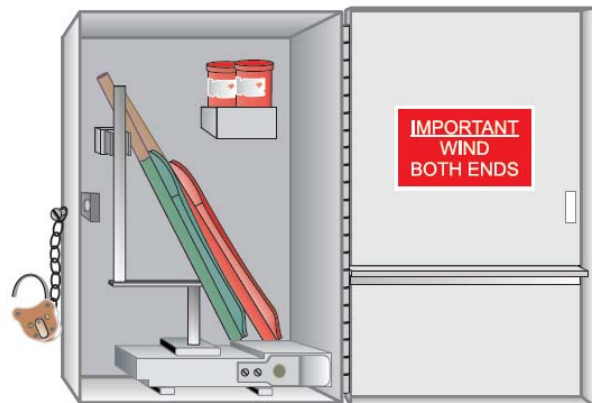
#### ***Use of ESMLs within RVD Territory as secondary protection to TOAs when working in yards***

At signalled locations, ESML handles may be removed in addition to the existing work on track requirements. This initiative will ensure that controls are appropriately provided at signalled locations to safeguard against blocking facilities being accidentally removed in the signalling system.

Bathurst depot Possession Protection Officers and Protection Officers should review the CNLAs for information regarding ESML use and locations.

#### ***When obtaining a TOA, ask the Network Control Officer to exclude rail traffic from the proposed work location by:***

- placing controlled absolute signals at STOP, and
- applying blocking facilities to prevent the clearing of signals that allow entry to the proposed work location, or
- authorising removal of the ESML handle to prevent the clearance of controlled absolute signals.



Confirm with the Network Control Officer the proposed work location and identification of the signals being used to protect the work.

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