

Collinsville Passing Loop Operationalisation

Frequently Asked Questions
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Category	Question	Response
General	Who is responsible for the Operationalisation of the Collinsville Passing Loop (project)?	Aurizon Network.
	What is the purpose of the change in operation?	To improve the operating performance of the Newlands Rail System, by addressing the existing capacity deficit.
	How long will the change in operation be in place for?	The change will commence on Monday, 11 November 2024 and continue while there is an operational requirement to use the loop.
	Where is the Collinsville Passing Loop?	The Collinsville Passing Loop is located within the Aurizon Network Collinsville Yard – in between Station Street and Pelican Creek Road.
Coal Dust	How will coal dust be mitigated?	Coal dust is minimised by wagon loading practices and monitoring systems as per the Coal Dust Management Plan. Aurizon Coal Dust Management Plan - 2020
Noise	Are noise levels expected to increase?	Noise levels are expected to be consistent with other noise levels created by the ordinary use of rail transport infrastructure across other parts of the Central Queensland Coal Network.
	Will the change in operation only be in place during daylight hours.	The loop will be available for use anytime it is required.
	If not, why?	The Central Queensland Coal Network is a 24/7 operation and requires this flexibility across the supply chain to serve its customers.

	What type of trains will utilise the Collinsville Passing Loop?	Coal trains, maintenance trains and track maintenance machines, when required.
Rail Diversion / Bypass	Why can't Aurizon Network simply divert rail traffic around Collinsville?	Aurizon Network is making a number of improvements to the existing operation that it considers will meet capacity demands from its customers.
	At what point in time will Aurizon Network reconsider a diversion?	There is no foreseen change in the number of trains passing through Collinsville at current supply chain demand.
Emergency Services Access	Will the change in operation mean an increase in daily rail traffic?	There is no foreseen change in the number of trains passing through Collinsville at current supply chain demand.
	Will the change in operation impact public level crossing at Station Street?	The wait time (less than 15 minutes) will still apply.
Train Horn	Will train drivers be required to sound their horns when entering and exiting the Collinsville Passing Loop?	No. This is only applied to high-risk areas like level crossings, where pedestrians, road traffic and trains intersect. Trains will still be required to sound the horn when approaching the Collinsville level crossing.
Consultation	Why did the use of the Collinsville Passing Loop cease in the first place?	Operators increased the length of their trains which then could not be accommodated within the Collinsville Passing Loop. Some trains now fit within the existing loop.
	How does a resident ask questions or provide concerns?	Via CommunityCQCNAurizon.com.au

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