



# TRAIN MANAGEMENT POLICY

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

### 1.1. Aurizon Bulk Central Network (ABCN)

Aurizon Bulk Central Network Pty Ltd (ABCN) has leasehold title to, and rights of occupation of, the railway corridor from Tarcoola in South Australia to Darwin in the Northern Territory under subleases granted by the Australasia Railway Corporation.

Under arrangements with ABCN, Aurizon Bulk Central Pty Ltd (ABN 17 079 444 296) (ABC) is responsible for the operating functions of the Railway.

The activities of train control, provision of communication systems and establishment and promulgation of network operating parameters are carried out by ABC under a commercial contract with ABCN. ABC is accredited under the Rail Safety Act as the owner of the train control and communications systems for the Railway.

### 1.2. The Code

Train Management Standards are a set of principles which are to be applied in the real-time management of Services, and include the rules and practices applicable in circumstances where Services are interrupted due to matters outside an access provider's control and there is a need to resolve competing interests of users of the Railway.

The AustralAsia Railway (Third Party Access) Code (Code) as set out in the schedule to the AustralAsia Railway (Third Party Access) Act 1999 (SA) requires 'access providers' to have Train Management Standards. This document is ABCN's policy response to that requirement (Policy).

Under the Code, an 'access provider', in relation to a railway infrastructure service, means the person who provides or is in a position to provide the railway infrastructure service (being the service of providing, or providing and operating, railway infrastructure facilities for the purpose of providing a freight service or a passenger service by means of the railway).

As ABCN neither provides nor operates the signalling systems, train control systems and communications systems, ABCN is not an 'access provider' within the meaning of the Code in relation to the provision of the service of train management. This is notwithstanding that ABCN may be an 'access provider' under the Code for other purposes and in respect of other services provided by it.

## 2. ABC NETWORK TRAIN CONTROLLING RULES AND PROCEDURES

In accordance with the Code and the organisation's Rail Safety Management Plan, ABC has developed Network Train Controlling Rules and Procedures.

In order to streamline the application process for Access Seekers, ABCN has elected to make those rules and procedures available to Access Seekers directly.

The ABC Network Train Controlling Rules and Procedures are set out at Annexure A.

## 3. COMPLIANCE WITH ABCN'S DIRECTIONS

ABCN may, from time to time, find it necessary or desirable, through changed circumstances or otherwise, to add to or otherwise vary this Policy, or to issue directions or clarifications as to how this Policy is to be interpreted or is to operate. It will be a requirement of all Access Agreements that Railway users comply with the Policy, and any amended form from time to time, and with all such directions and clarifications.

#### 4. GLOSSARY OF TERMS USED

<b>Above Rail Operator</b>	An operator of trains in accordance with an agreement between ABCN and a party seeking to use the Railway, prescribing the terms and conditions of that party's access to and use of the Railway.
<b>Access Agreements</b>	The agreement under which ABCN (as the access provider) grants access to the Railway.
<b>Rail Safety Act</b>	(a) The Rail Safety Act 2007 (SA) and the Northern Territory Rail Safety Act (NT) or either of them as the context requires (or such equivalent legislation, or legislation enacted in substitution from time to time).
<b>Railway</b>	The railway from Tarcoola in South Australia to Darwin in the Northern Territory.
<b>Rolling Stock</b>	A locomotive, carriage, wagon or other vehicle for use on the Railway.
<b>Service</b>	(a) A Train run by an Above-Rail Operator using the Railway which provides freight or passenger services, including work Trains.
<b>Train</b>	A single unit of Rolling Stock or two or more units coupled together, at least one of which is a locomotive or other self-propelling unit.
<b>Train Management Standards</b>	A set of principles which are to be applied in the real-time management of Services, and including the rules and practices applicable in circumstances where Services are interrupted due to matters outside an access provider's control and there is a need to resolve competing interests of users of the Railway.

**ANNEXURE A - ABC Network Train Controlling Rules and Procedures**

Train controller train prioritisation decision making **shall** comply with the following:

- (a) Code of Practice for the Defined Interstate Rail Network, Volume 3, Operations and Safeworking, Part 2, Route Standards, in particular, Clause 19, Traffic management (latest can be found at <https://www.artc.com.au/uploads/Network-Management-Principles.pdf>).
- (b) Other local operational and interface procedures and instructions as update from time to time.