

WORKS WITHIN RAIL CORRIDOR – DEVELOPERS' GUIDELINES FOR OPERATIONAL LINES

Access to any part of State Rail Network land (also known as the rail corridor) is strictly prohibited without a TasRail Permit Authorisation issued by property@tasrail.com.au

1. Where a building or other development is proposed to be located at a setback distance less than 50 metres from the boundary of the rail corridor, the occupants are likely to be exposed to train horn noise and vibration, noting that TasRail Freight Rail Services operate 24/7 and the configuration, frequency and time of these services is subject to change at any time.
2. Appropriate due diligence should be undertaken to inform residents/tenants of potential exposure to train horn noise and vibration, particularly in relation to building design, material specifications and lifestyle. The train horn is a safety device that is required to be sounded twice per level crossing, being on approach and on entry. The minimum duration of each train horn blow is one second. The train driver also has the discretion to sound the horn at any time he/she perceives a risk.
3. Using or creating an unlicensed railway crossing or stock crossing is unsafe and strictly prohibited. Rail Safety National Law requires all private crossings to be subject to an interface agreement (licence). Where a privately owned property interfaces with a rail crossing and/or State Rail Network land, please contact property@tasrail.com.au to discuss the necessary authorisations and licencing process.
4. Stormwater or effluent is not permitted to be discharged onto rail land or into the rail drainage system. Should there be a requirement for a service or asset to be installed on rail land in order to connect into an authorised stormwater or other outlet, a separate TasRail Permit is required and will only be approved subject to terms and conditions (costs apply). A Permit Application Form is available by contacting property@tasrail.com.au

A Person who owns or occupies land adjoining the rail network must not, without the written consent of TasRail, do anything to concentrate the natural drainage of the adjoining land onto the rail network, or to increase, impede or redirect natural drainage in and around the rail network, or cause or allow effluent from the adjoining land to flow, drain, seep or otherwise discharge onto the rail network.

A failure to comply with this requirement may lead to TasRail taking action to recover costs from the landowner in accordance with s45 of the Rail Infrastructure Act 2007.

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5. Any excavation within 3 metres of the rail boundary line requires a separate TasRail Permit from property@tasrail.com.au in accordance with s44 of the Rail Infrastructure Act 2009. A minimum of seven (7) business days' notice is required, but earlier engagement is recommended.
6. Rail land is not for private use and should not be encroached for any purpose including for gardens, storage, keeping of animals etc. Dumping of rubbish including green waste into the rail corridor is not permitted.
7. No obstruction, installation or works of any kind are permitted inside railway land for any purpose including for structures, unauthorised vehicles, drainage, water pipes, stormwater discharge, electrical or service infrastructure, storage of materials, vegetation clearing, inspections etc.

Consideration should also be given to the orientation and siting of above ground structures on adjoining land as well as landscaping to ensure there is no potential to obscure or obstruct the line of sight with respect to a railway crossing.

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8. TasRail may remove and dispose of unauthorised/unlawful service infrastructure and take such other action as it sees fit. In accordance with s33 of the *Rail Infrastructure Act 2007* TasRail may recover its costs of doing so as a debt due to TasRail from that person and retain if applicable any proceeds of disposal.
9. No persons should enter rail land for any reason without formal authorisation from TasRail in the form of a TasRail Permit issued by property@tasrail.com.au
10. Rail Corridors are exempt from the Boundary Fences Act.

ANY QUESTIONS?

Contact property@tasrail.com.au or phone 03 6335 2604 during business hours.

