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Brookfield Rail

FINAL DETERMINATIONS: PROPOSED REVISED TRAIN MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES AND TRAIN PATH POLICY

The Economic Regulation Authority (Authority) has published its final determinations on Brookfield Rail's proposed revised <u>Train Management Guidelines</u> and <u>Train Path Policy</u>.

The Authority has approved Brookfield Rail's proposals subject to eight amendments to the Train Management Guidelines and twelve amendments to the Train Path Policy.

The Train Management Guidelines instrument is a statement of principles, rules and practices that will be applied in the real time management of services on the network. The Train Path Policy instrument is a statement of policy relating to the allocation of train paths in the negotiation and making of an access agreement.

The *Railways (Access) Code 2000* (Code) establishes the requirements for Train Management Guidelines and Train Path Policy at Part 5 of the Code, sections 43 and 44.

Public consultation was carried out over a four week period from 3 May 2012, following submission of the proposed instruments by Brookfield Rail. A second round of public consultation was undertaken following the release of the Authority's draft determinations on 10 August 2012.

The Authority has considered all submissions received in preparing its final determinations.

A number of submissions commented on the lack of provisions for Part 5 instruments to apply to agreements made outside the Code. This matter has not been addressed in the final determinations as it is outside the scope of these reviews. The concerns of stakeholders in this respect have been referred to the Treasurer as a matter, which in the opinion of the Authority, should be brought to the notice of the Minister as warranted under section 49 of the Code.

The Authority's final determinations are available on the Authority's website.

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