

## Land Access Protocol

The Surat Basin Rail Joint Venture (**SBRJV**) has identified a 210km preliminary rail corridor between Wandoan and Banana, to complete a missing section of rail referred to as the Surat Basin Rail.

This broad corridor of interest is approximately 1 km wide and includes a number of privately owned properties. As you are aware, the SBRJV project team (**Project Team**) and SBRJV's consultants (**Consultants**) have already conducted a number of investigations within this corridor to help identify a preferred alignment for the Surat Basin Rail, which required access to your property. Further access may now be required by the Project Team, the Consultants and SBRJV's contractors (**Contractors**) for investigations and other activities as SBRJV moves into the selection of its construction contractor and the pre-construction phase.

The Project Team, the Consultants and the Contractors will continue to follow these Land Access Protocols to ensure that when landowners approve access to their land they are:

- satisfied their property/business will not be adversely affected by granting access for investigations or other activities; and
- aware of their rights and the responsibilities of the Project Team, the Consultants and the Contractors in relation to access.

### General principles

Representatives of the Project Team, the Consultants and the Contractors are visitors on your land. As visitors, such representatives will follow the following principles regarding access to your land:

- all communications between the Contractors and landowners will be through the Project Team;
- Consultants must contact the Project Team at least 48 hours before access to land is required and before attempting to contact landowners for property access;
- the Project Team, Consultants and Contractors must not enter any land without consent from the relevant landowners, which will be arranged by the Project Team;
- the Project Team, Consultants and Contractors must always recognise the landowner's rights and ensure minimum interference and disturbance as a result of coming onto or using the land; and
- the Project Team, Consultants and Contractors must ensure any damage or disturbance is attended to as soon as practicable.

### Land access practices

When entering or undertaking investigations or other activities on any land, SBRJV will ensure that the Project Team, the Consultants and the Contractors will:

- have the landowner's approval to enter the land and to undertake the investigations and other activities;
- attempt to contact the landowner when arriving on site;
- take all reasonable precautions to ensure that vehicles, clothing, boots and equipment are free of noxious weeds and that activities do not promote the spread of noxious weeds;
- ensure no animals or firearms are taken onto the land;
- check that all gates are left as they were found;
- ensure all contaminating material is properly stored and managed;
- ensure all trenches, pits and excavations are backfilled, before leaving the land, and if an excavation needs to remain open and unattended for any period of time, it must be fenced;
- access land during reasonable hours unless otherwise permitted by the landowner;
- ensure all rubbish relating to activities is removed from the land;
- take specific precautions to avoid any fire dangers;
- acknowledge and agree that the landowner may accompany them onto their land at their own discretion;
- if required by the landowner, ensure signs are erected advising of their presence or of any particular dangerous activities or circumstances, and that others should not enter the site without authorisation of the landowner;
- immediately notify the landowner and the SBRJV of any disturbances or damage to the land;
- take every reasonable effort to minimise damage to trees and vegetation and the creation of erosion hazards;
- ensure vehicle and machine movements which may unduly damage roads, tracks or cultivation (particularly when wet) be curtailed, to the extent practicable, and if unavoidable, any such damage must be repaired at the relevant parties own cost and expense, as soon as conditions permit;
- take note of applicable speed limits and drive safely at all times having regard to risks to people, stock and property, and the need to minimise dust, noise and stock disturbance;
- ensure machinery used on the land is supervised and operated by qualified personnel and in a safe manner;
- ensure any marker pegs used are positioned where they are not likely to cause injury;
- if using helicopters, first liaise with landowners regarding planned stock programs, lambing, calving or mustering; and
- comply with all applicable laws relating to access and use of the land and any agreements regarding access to or use of the land.

## **Statutory Rights**

Anything SBRJV, the Project Team, a Consultants or a Contractor is required to do under this protocol is always subject to any statutory right or power.

## **Questions**

If you have any questions about the project, or this protocol, please contact the Project Team on 1800 112 143 (freecall).