

Railway Boundary Investigations

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ABSTRACT

For any deposited plan that adjoins the railway corridor in NSW, DFSI Spatial Services requires that an approval of the railway boundary, by the relevant railway authority, be lodged with the plan. In NSW, railway land is either 'owned' by Railcorp (in the electrified area bounded by Newcastle, Bomaderry and Bowenfels and some major country stations) or Transport NSW. Property management of the country lines is one of the functions of leaseholder ARTC along with train running and maintenance. However, land management records have historically been kept by Rail Estate, now part of Sydney Trains, and all requests for the approval of a railway boundary should be directed to that entity. Only Rail Estate approves railway boundary fixes. This paper outlines the process of obtaining approval for a railway boundary and discusses a number of differing situations with the aim of showing different approaches to be adopted when railway boundaries need to be re-established and there is a shortage of cadastral information. To this end, several survey plans that have been through the approval process are reviewed.

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