

Temporary Speed Signs

A number of concerns were reported concerning temporary speed signs in particular between Parkes and Broken Hill; Wirrinya and Cootamundra West. The problems were that the temporary speed restrictions were not notified in the weekly notice and that there was deviation from the network rules regarding the colour used for warning and caution signs.

CSIRS Requirement

The Office of Transport Safety Investigation (OTSI) sought verification of the claims from the operator and asked the operator to provide a response regarding the remedial actions deemed necessary.

Investigation outcome

ARTC appreciated the notification regarding the management of the temporary speed signs. ARTC Engineering management have since taken steps to eliminate these inconsistencies. Detailed inspections have also been carried out and all inconsistencies have now been corrected and in-house training has been provided to field staff on the correct process for the installation of speed boards in accordance with network rules and procedures.

OTSI Action

OTSI has advised the reporter of the response, actions and plans provided by the responsible operator.

The Transport Safety Regulation Division of the Independent Transport Safety and Reliability Regulator has been advised of this occurrence so that it can monitor the effectiveness of Safety Actions undertaken and proposed by the operator.

The outcomes of the inquiries made by both OTSI and the responsible operator have been recorded in the OTSI Safety Investigation Database for future review and trend analysis.