

— BOUNDARY PRESSURE

Boundary Pressure Field Notes

Run this the moment someone asks an agent's autonomy boundary to move. Friction is often the point, not the bug.

THE REQUEST

What did the user ask the agent to do? _____

ORIGINAL AUTONOMY LEVEL

READ

DRAFT

BOUNDED

CONDITIONAL

DELEGATED

What shortcut did the user request? _____

WHY?

- ☐ Too slow
- ☐ Too many approvals
- ☐ Repetitive task
- ☐ Bad connectivity
- ☐ Operator workload
- ☐ Other

WHAT CHANGES IF WE GRANT IT?

- ☐ More tool access
- ☐ More data access
- ☐ Automatic send
- ☐ Automatic retry
- ☐ Automatic approval
- ☐ Irreversible action
- ☐ Cross-system action

What is the worst real side effect? _____

CAN IT BE UNDONE?

YES

PARTLY

NO

SAFE RESPONSE

- ☐ Keep boundary
- ☐ Auto-safe cases only
- ☐ Add reconciliation
- ☐ Narrow approval
- ☐ Add deterministic condition
- ☐ Escalate

FINAL QUESTION

Are we removing friction — or removing a control?