

Seller disclosure statement



Queensland
Government

Property Law Act 2023 section 99

Form 2, Version 1 | Effective from: 1 August 2025

WARNING TO BUYER – This statement contains important legal and other information about the property offered for sale. You should read and satisfy yourself of the information in this statement before signing a contract. You are advised to seek legal advice before signing this form. You should not assume you can terminate the contract after signing if you are not satisfied with the information in this statement.

WARNING – You must be given this statement before you sign the contract for the sale of the property.

This statement does not include information about:

- » flooding or other natural hazard history
- » structural soundness of the building or pest infestation
- » current or historical use of the property
- » current or past building or development approvals for the property
- » limits imposed by planning laws on the use of the land
- » services that are or may be connected to the property
- » the presence of asbestos within buildings or improvements on the property.

You are encouraged to make your own inquiries about these matters before signing a contract. You may not be able to terminate the contract if these matters are discovered after you sign.

Part 1 – Seller and property details

Seller Martin Augustine McHugh as personal representative for the estate of Francis Martin McHugh

Property address
(referred to as the
"property" in this
statement)

237 McManus Street, Whitfield

Lot on plan description Lot 3 on RP 724823

Community titles scheme
or BUGTA scheme:

Is the property part of a community titles scheme or a BUGTA scheme:

☐ Yes

☒ No

*If Yes, refer to Part 6 of this statement
for additional information*

*If No, please disregard Part 6 of this statement
as it does not need to be completed*

Part 2 – Title details, encumbrances and residential tenancy or rooming accommodation agreement

Title details

The seller gives or has given the buyer the following—

A title search for the property issued under the *Land Title Act 1994* showing interests registered under that Act for the property.

☒ Yes

A copy of the plan of survey registered for the property.

☒ Yes

Registered encumbrances

Registered encumbrances, if any, are recorded on the title search, and may affect your use of the property. Examples include easements, statutory covenants, leases and mortgages.

You should seek legal advice about your rights and obligations before signing the contract.

Unregistered encumbrances (excluding statutory encumbrances)

There are encumbrances not registered on the title that will continue ☐ Yes ☒ No to affect the property after **settlement**.

Note—If the property is part of a community titles scheme or a BUGTA scheme it may be subject to and have the benefit of statutory easements that are **NOT** required to be disclosed.

Unregistered lease (if applicable)

If the unregistered encumbrance is an unregistered lease, the details of the agreement are as follows:

- » the start and end day of the term of the lease:
- » the amount of rent and bond payable:
- » whether the lease has an option to renew:

Other unregistered agreement in writing (if applicable)

If the unregistered encumbrance is created by an agreement in writing, and is not an unregistered lease, a copy of the agreement is given, together with relevant plans, if any. ☐ Yes

Unregistered oral agreement (if applicable)

If the unregistered encumbrance is created by an oral agreement, and is not an unregistered lease, the details of the agreement are as follows:

Statutory encumbrances

There are statutory encumbrances that affect the property. ☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, the details of any statutory encumbrances are as follows:

Overhead Electric Lines to property
Sewer Gravity Pipe through property
NBN Cables to property
Telstra Leadin Cables

Residential tenancy or rooming accommodation agreement

The property has been subject to a residential tenancy agreement or a rooming accommodation agreement under the *Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation Act 2008* during the last 12 months. ☐ Yes ☒ No

If **Yes**, when was the rent for the premises or each of the residents' rooms last increased? (*Insert date of the most recent rent increase for the premises or rooms*)

Note—Under the *Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation Act 2008* the rent for a residential premises may not be increased earlier than 12 months after the last rent increase for the premises.

As the owner of the property, you may need to provide evidence of the day of the last rent increase. You should ask the seller to provide this evidence to you prior to settlement.

Part 3 – Land use, planning and environment

WARNING TO BUYER – You may not have any rights if the current or proposed use of the property is not lawful under the local planning scheme. You can obtain further information about any planning and development restrictions applicable to the lot, including in relation to short-term letting, from the relevant local government.

Zoning	The zoning of the property is <i>(Insert zoning under the planning scheme, the Economic Development Act 2012; the Integrated Resort Development Act 1987; the Mixed Use Development Act 1993; the State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971 or the Sanctuary Cove Resort Act 1985, as applicable)</i> :		
	Low Density Residential		
Transport proposals and resumptions	The lot is affected by a notice issued by a Commonwealth, State or local government entity and given to the seller about a transport infrastructure proposal* to: locate transport infrastructure on the property; or alter the dimensions of the property.	☐ Yes	☒ No
	The lot is affected by a notice of intention to resume the property or any part of the property.	☐ Yes	☒ No
	<i>If Yes, a copy of the notice, order, proposal or correspondence must be given by the seller.</i>		
* <i>Transport infrastructure</i> has the meaning defined in the <i>Transport Infrastructure Act 1994</i> . A <i>proposal</i> means a resolution or adoption by some official process to establish plans or options that will physically affect the property.			
Contamination and environmental protection	The property is recorded on the Environmental Management Register or the Contaminated Land Register under the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1994</i> .	☐ Yes	☒ No
	The following notices are, or have been, given:		
	A notice under section 408(2) of the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1994</i> (for example, land is contaminated, show cause notice, requirement for site investigation, clean up notice or site management plan).	☐ Yes	☒ No
	A notice under section 369C(2) of the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1994</i> (the property is a place or business to which an environmental enforcement order applies).	☐ Yes	☒ No
	A notice under section 347(2) of the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1994</i> (the property is a place or business to which a prescribed transitional environmental program applies).	☐ Yes	☒ No
Trees	There is a tree order or application under the <i>Neighbourhood Disputes (Dividing Fences and Trees) Act 2011</i> affecting the property.	☐ Yes	☒ No
	<i>If Yes, a copy of the order or application must be given by the seller.</i>		
Heritage	The property is affected by the <i>Queensland Heritage Act 1992</i> or is included in the World Heritage List under the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> (Cwlth).	☐ Yes	☒ No
Flooding	Information about whether the property is affected by flooding or another natural hazard or within a natural hazard overlay can be obtained from the relevant local government and you should make your own enquires. Flood information for the property may also be available at the FloodCheck Queensland portal or the Australian Flood Risk Information portal.		
Vegetation, habitats and protected plants	Information about vegetation clearing, koala habitats and other restrictions on development of the land that may apply can be obtained from the relevant State government agency.		

Part 4 – Buildings and structures

WARNING TO BUYER – The seller does not warrant the structural soundness of the buildings or improvements on the property, or that the buildings on the property have the required approval, or that there is no pest infestation affecting the property. You should engage a licensed building inspector or an appropriately qualified engineer, builder or pest inspector to inspect the property and provide a report and also undertake searches to determine whether buildings and improvements on the property have the required approvals.

Swimming pool	There is a relevant pool for the property. If a community titles scheme or a BUGTA scheme – a shared pool is located in the scheme. Pool compliance certificate is given. OR Notice of no pool safety certificate is given.	☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Yes ☐ No
Unlicensed building work under owner builder permit	Building work was carried out on the property under an owner builder permit in the last 6 years. <i>A notice under section 47 of the Queensland Building and Construction Commission Act 1991 must be given by the seller and you may be required to sign the notice and return it to the seller prior to signing the contract.</i>	
Notices and orders	There is an unsatisfied show cause notice or enforcement notice under the <i>Building Act 1975</i>, section 246AG, 247 or 248 or under the <i>Planning Act 2016</i>, section 167 or 168. The seller has been given a notice or order, that remains in effect, from a local, State or Commonwealth government, a court or tribunal, or other competent authority, requiring work to be done or money to be spent in relation to the property. <i>If Yes, a copy of the notice or order must be given by the seller.</i>	
Building Energy Efficiency Certificate	If the property is a commercial office building of more than 1,000m², a Building Energy Efficiency Certificate is available on the Building Energy Efficiency Register.	
Asbestos	The seller does not warrant whether asbestos is present within buildings or improvements on the property. Buildings or improvements built before 1990 may contain asbestos. Asbestos containing materials (ACM) may have been used up until the early 2000s. Asbestos or ACM may become dangerous when damaged, disturbed, or deteriorating. Information about asbestos is available at the Queensland Government Asbestos Website (asbestos.qld.gov.au) including common locations of asbestos and other practical guidance for homeowners.	

Part 5 – Rates and services

WARNING TO BUYER – The amount of charges imposed on you may be different to the amount imposed on the seller.

Rates

Whichever of the following applies—

The total amount payable* for all rates and charges (without any discount) for the property as stated in the most recent rate notice is:

Amount:

Date Range:

OR

The property is currently a rates exempt lot.**

☐

OR

The property is not rates exempt but no separate assessment of rates is issued by a local government for the property. ☒

*Concessions: A local government may grant a concession for rates. The concession will not pass to you as buyer unless you meet the criteria in section 120 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* or section 112 of the *City of Brisbane Regulation 2012*.

** An exemption for rates applies to particular entities. The exemption will not pass to you as buyer unless you meet the criteria in section 93 of the *Local Government Act 2009* or section 95 of the *City of Brisbane Act 2010*.

Water

Whichever of the following applies—

The total amount payable as charges for water services for the property as indicated in the most recent water services notice* is:

Amount:

Date Range:

OR

There is no separate water services notice issued for the lot; however, an estimate of the total amount payable for water services is:

Amount:

Date Range:

* A water services notices means a notice of water charges issued by a water service provider under the *Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008*.

Part 6 – Community titles schemes and BUGTA schemes

(If the property is part of a community titles scheme or a BUGTA scheme this Part must be completed)

WARNING TO BUYER – If the property is part of a community titles scheme or a BUGTA scheme and you purchase the property, you will become a member of the body corporate for the scheme with the right to participate in significant decisions about the scheme and you will be required to pay contributions towards the body corporate's expenses in managing the scheme. You will also be required to comply with the by-laws. By-laws will regulate your use of common property and the lot.

For more information about living in a body corporate and your rights and obligations, contact the Office of the Commissioner for Body Corporate and Community Management.

Body Corporate and Community Management Act 1997

The property is included in a community titles scheme.
(If Yes, complete the information below)

☐ Yes ☒ No

Community Management Statement

A copy of the most recent community management statement for the scheme as recorded under the *Land Title Act 1994* or another Act is given to the buyer. ☐ Yes

Note—If the property is part of a community titles scheme, the community management statement for the scheme contains important information about the rights and obligations of owners of lots in the scheme including matters such as lot entitlements, by-laws and exclusive use areas.

Body Corporate Certificate

A copy of a body corporate certificate for the lot under the *Body Corporate and Community Management Act 1997*, section 205(4) is given to the buyer. ☐ Yes ☐ No

If No— An explanatory statement is given to the buyer that states: ☐ Yes

- » a copy of a body corporate certificate for the lot is not attached; and
- » the reasons under section 6 of the *Property Law Regulation 2024* why the seller has not been able to obtain a copy of the body corporate certificate for the lot.

Statutory Warranties

Statutory Warranties—If you enter into a contract, you will have implied warranties under the *Body Corporate and Community Management Act 1997* relating to matters such as latent or patent defects in common property or body corporate assets; any actual, expected or contingent financial liabilities that are not part of the normal operating costs; and any circumstances in relation to the affairs of the body corporate that will materially prejudice you as owner of the property. There will be further disclosure about warranties in the contract.

Building Units and Group Titles Act 1980

The property is included in a BUGTA scheme
(If Yes, complete the information below)

☐ Yes ☒ No

Body Corporate Certificate

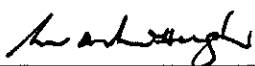
A copy of a body corporate certificate for the lot under the *Building Units and Group Titles Act 1980*, section 40AA(1) is given to the buyer. ☐ Yes ☐ No

If No— An explanatory statement is given to the buyer that states: ☐ Yes

- » a copy of a body corporate certificate for the lot is not attached; and
- » the reasons under section 7 of the *Property Law Regulation 2024* why the seller has not been able to obtain a copy of the body corporate certificate for the lot.

Note—If the property is part of a BUGTA scheme, you will be subject to by-laws approved by the body corporate and other by-laws that regulate your use of the property and common property.

Signatures – SELLER



Signature of seller

Signature of seller

Martin Augustine McHugh as personal representative

Name of seller

Name of seller

19/12/2025

Date

Date

Signatures – BUYER

By signing this disclosure statement the buyer acknowledges receipt of this disclosure statement before entering into a contract with the seller for the sale of the lot.

Signature of buyer

Signature of buyer

Name of buyer

Name of buyer

Date

Date

Queensland Titles Registry Pty Ltd
ABN 23 648 568 101

Title Reference:	20844132	Search Date:	15/12/2025 15:11
Date Title Created:	13/09/1971	Request No:	54478947
Previous Title:	20835195, 20835196		

ESTATE AND LAND

Estate in Fee Simple

LOT 3 REGISTERED PLAN 724823
Local Government: CAIRNS

REGISTERED OWNER

Dealing No: 722423307 19/04/2023

FRANCIS MARTIN MCHUGH

EASEMENTS, ENCUMBRANCES AND INTERESTS

1. Rights and interests reserved to the Crown by
Deed of Grant No. 10583010 (POR 276)

ADMINISTRATIVE ADVICES

NIL

UNREGISTERED DEALINGS

NIL

** End of Current Title Search **

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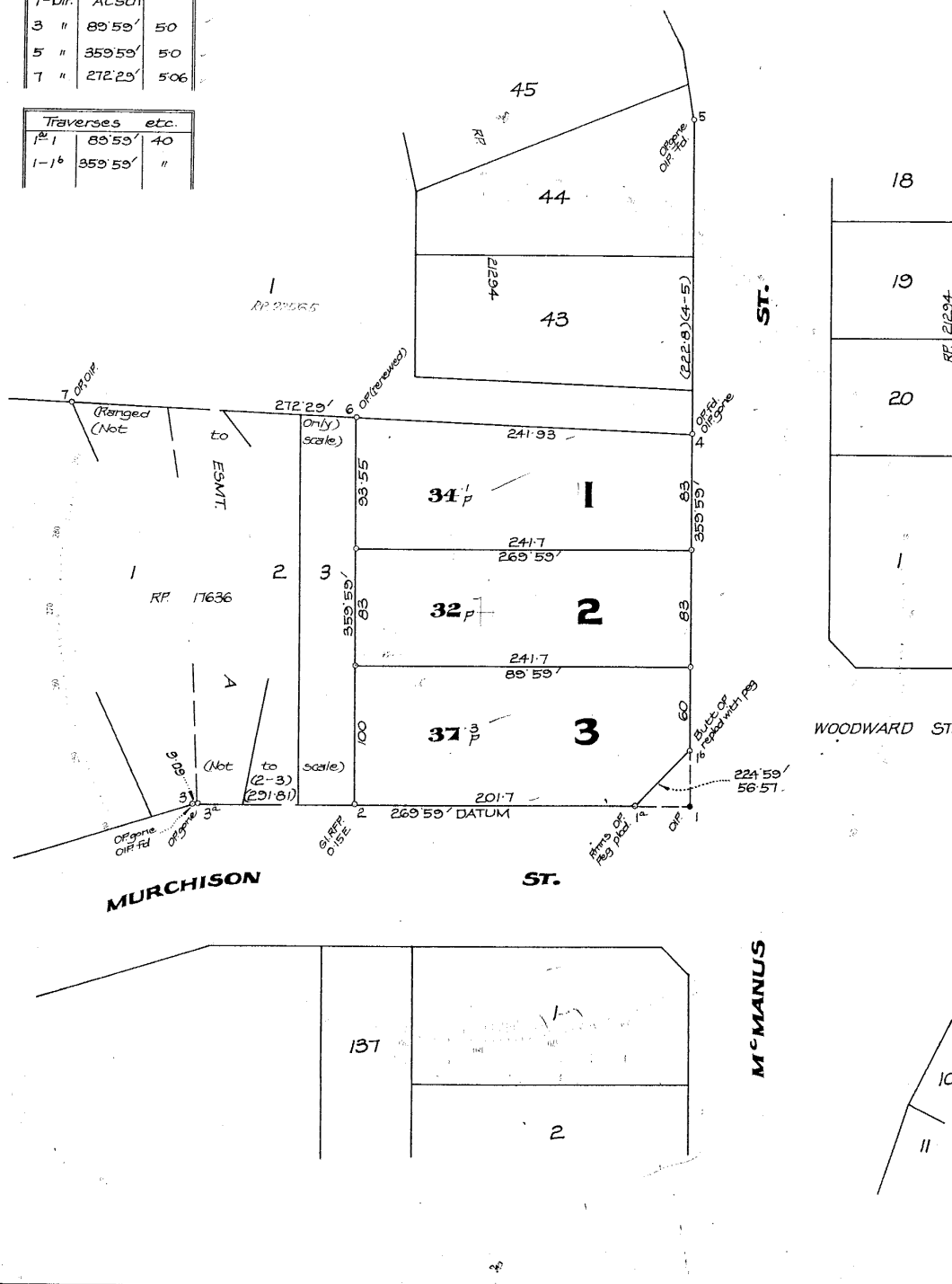
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Iron	Pins
1-DIP	At stn
3 "	85° 59' 50
5 "	359° 59' 50
7 "	272° 29' 506

Traverses	etc.
1-1 ^a	85° 59' 40
1-1 ^b	359° 59' "



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Lots 1 to 3 Orig. Portion 276
 Cancell. Resub. 4 on RP 17636 Orig. Grant 61750
 Surveyed by R.L. Johnston 17/9/1970 Town of County of Nares SCALE 60 Links to an inch
RP 17636 Parish of CAIRNS REGISTERED PLAN 724823 M.F. CSP
 CROWN COPYRIGHT RESERVED
 REGISTRAR OF TITLES, QUEENSLAND

No 13486

REGISTERED PLAN 724823



166218/A/007956 D-044
F M McHugh
237 McManus Street
WHITFIELD QLD 4870

Your Rates Account is Due 20 August 2025

Total Amount Due **\$ 2,418.91**

Summary of Rates and Charges

For period 01/07/2025 to 31/12/2025

Property Location: 237 McManus Street WHITFIELD QLD 4870

Property Description: LOT 2-3 RP 724823

Improvements: Fhold-Dwg, Pool & Vacant meter conn
1752.0000SQUARE METRES

Land Use Code
0298

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Rates Payment Slip

NAME
F M McHugh

PROPERTY
237 McManus Street WHITFIELD QLD 4870

Assessment No. 165241

Due Date 20/08/2025

Total Amount Due \$ 2,418.91

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that suit your budget



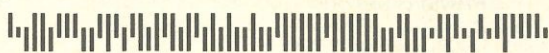
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166827/A11/000838 D-044
F M McHugh
237 McManus Street
WHITFIELD QLD 4870

Your Water Usage Account is Due 14 October 2025

Total Amount
Due

\$ 74.80

Property Location: 237 McManus Street WHITFIELD QLD 4870

Property Description: LOT 2-3 RP 724823 Fhold-Dwg, Pool & Vacant meter conn

Summary of Water Usage Charges

Meter No.	Previous Reading	Current Reading	ADC*	Usage	Rate	Usage Charge
TNA2412164	17/04/25	15 27/08/25	55 0.303	40		
TNA2412165	17/04/25	0 27/08/25	0 0.000	0	1.87	\$74.80

*ADC = Average Daily Consumption (kilolitres)

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Water Payment Slip

NAME
F M McHugh

PROPERTY
237 McManus Street WHITFIELD QLD 4870

Assessment No. 165241

Due Date Total 14/10/2025

Amount Due \$ 74.80

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Received 6 of 6 responses
All responses received

237 McManus Street, Whitfield QLD 4870

Job dates
16/12/2025 → 16/03/2026

These plans expire on
12 Jan 2026

Lodged by
Charlotte Whitham

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 BYDA Confirmation		2
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 APA Group Gas Networks (70714)	Received	6
 Cairns Regional Council	Received	17
 Ergon QLD	Received	20
 NBN Co Qld	Received	58
 Telstra QLD Regional	Received	69
 TPG Telecom (QLD)	Received	78

Contact Details

Contact	Contact number	Company	Enquirer ID
Charlotte Whitham	(07) 4036 9700	Miller Harris Lawyers	3646248
Email		Address	
charlottewhitham@millerharris.com.au		Level 1 14-16 McLeod Street Cairns QLD 4870	

Job Site and Enquiry Details

WARNING: The map below only displays the location of the proposed job site and does not display any asset owners' pipe or cables. The area highlighted has been used only to identify the participating asset owners, who will send information to you directly.

Enquiry date	Start date	End date	On behalf of	Job purpose	Locations	Onsite activities
15/12/2025	16/12/2025	16/03/2026	Other Solicitor	Design	Private	Conveyancing



Check that the location of the job site is correct. If not, you must submit a new enquiry.

If the scope of works change or plan validity dates expire, you must submit a new enquiry.

Do NOT dig without plans. Safe excavation is your responsibility. If you don't understand the plans or how to proceed safely, please contact the relevant asset owners.

User Reference	Address	Notes/description
19485	237 McManus Street Whitfield QLD 4870	-

Your Responsibility and Duty of Care

- Lodging an enquiry does not authorise project commencement.** Before starting work, you must obtain all necessary information from all affected asset owners.
- If you don't receive plans within 2 business days, contact the asset owner & quote their sequence number.
- Always follow the 5Ps of Safe Excavation (page 2), and locate assets before commencing work.
- Ensure you comply with State legislative requirements for Duty of Care and safe digging.
- If you damage an underground asset, you MUST advise the asset owner immediately.
- By using the BYDA service, you agree to the [Privacy Policy](#) and [Term of Use](#).
- For more information on safe digging practices, visit www.byda.com.au

Asset Owner Details

Below is a list of asset owners with underground infrastructure in and around your job site. It is your responsibility to identify the presence of these assets. Plans issued by Members are indicative only unless specified otherwise. Note: not all asset owners are registered with BYDA. You must contact asset owners not listed here directly.

Referral ID (Seq. no)	Authority Name	Phone	Status
265726557	APA Group Gas Networks (70714)	1800 085 628	NOTIFIED
265726556	Cairns Regional Council	(07) 4044 3044	NOTIFIED
265726559	Ergon QLD	13 10 46	NOTIFIED
265726555	NBN Co Qld	1800 687 626	NOTIFIED
265726560	Telstra QLD Regional	1800 653 935	NOTIFIED
265726558	TPG Telecom (QLD)	1800 786 306	NOTIFIED

END OF UTILITIES LIST



Plan

Plan your job. Use the BYDA service at least one day before your job is due to begin, and ensure you have the correct plans and information required to carry out a safe project.



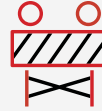
Prepare

Prepare by communicating with asset owners if you need assistance. Look for clues onsite. Engage a skilled Locator.



Pothole

Potholing is physically sighting the asset by hand digging or hydro vacuum extraction.



Protect

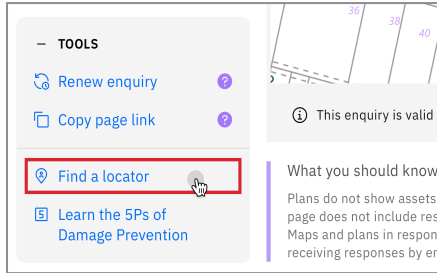
Protecting and supporting the exposed infrastructure is the responsibility of the excavator. Always erect safety barriers in areas of risk and enforce exclusion zones.



Proceed

Only proceed with your excavation work after planning, preparing, potholing (unless prohibited), and having protective measures in place.

Engage a skilled Locator



When you lodge an enquiry you will see skilled Locators to contact

Visit the Certified Locator website directly and search for a locator near you

certloc.com.au/locators

Get FREE Quotes for Contractors & Equipment Fast



Use isseekplant's FREE marketplace to get quotes for the equipment or services you need on your project. Compare quotes from trusted local contractors and get your project done on time and in budget.

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3. The local contractors will contact you directly with quotes

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Book a FREE BYDA Session

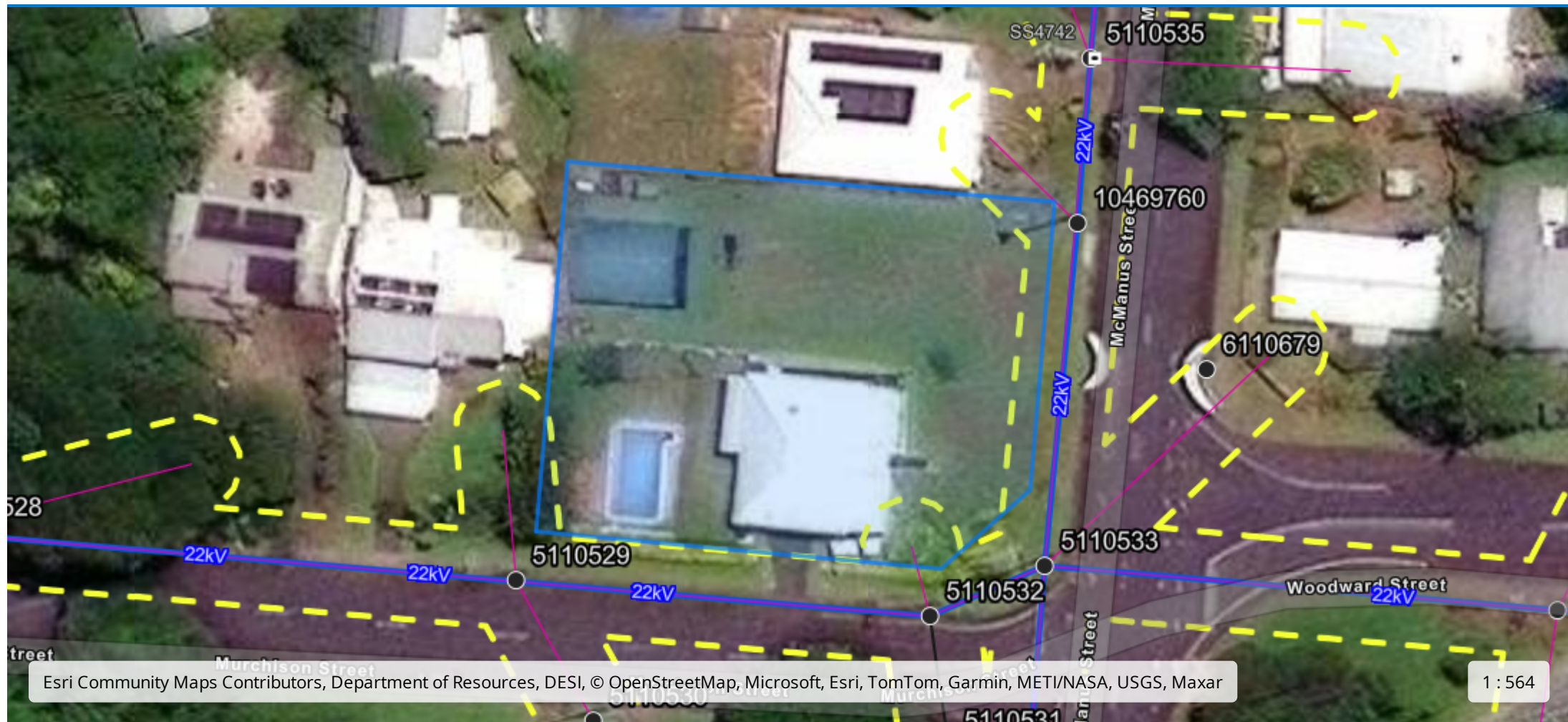


BYDA offers free training sessions to suit you and your organisation's needs covering safe work practices when working near essential infrastructure assets. The free sessions are offered in two different formats - online and face-to-face.

To book a session, visit:
byda.com.au/contact/education-awareness-enquiry-form

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Look up and Live - 51948990



Network Device

-  Pillar
-  Substation

Poles

-  Pole
-  Pole w Ground Stay
-  Tower

Network TR

-  Overhead
-  Underground
-  Submarine

Network LV

-  Overhead
-  Underground

Network SWER

-  Overhead
-  Underground

Network HV

-  Overhead
-  Underground
-  Submarine

Network Other

LUAL_Exclusion_Zone_Feature_Public

LUAL_NoData_Public



APA Group Gas Networks (70714)

Referral
265726557

Member Phone
1800 085 628

Responses from this member

Response received Mon 15 Dec 2025 3.33pm

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PLEASE NOTE: This is an automated response. Please **DO NOT REPLY to this email**. If you require further information in relation to this Before You Dig response, please contact

BYDA_APA@apa.com.au

Enquiry Details:

Impact	not affected
Sequence Number	265726557
Enquirer Id	3646248
Activity	Conveyancing
Job Number	51948990
User Reference	19485
Message	

Site Details:

Address	237 McManus Street Whitfield QLD 4870
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Enquirers Details:

Contact	Charlotte Whitham
Company	Miller Harris Lawyers
Email	charlottewhitham@millerharris.com.au
Phone	+61740369700
Address	Level 1 14-16 McLeod Street Cairns QLD 4870

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Classification: Networks

Enquiry date	15/12/2025
Sequence number	265726557
Work site address	237 McManus Street Whitfield QLD 4870



Enquiry Date: 15/12/2025
Enquirer: Charlotte Whitham
Sequence Number: 265726557
Work Site Address: 237 McManus Street
Whitfield
QLD 4870

Thank you for your Before You Dig enquiry regarding the location of gas assets.

We confirm there are NO Gas Assets located in close vicinity of the above location.
Caution: Damage to gas assets may result in explosion, fire and personal injury.

Please ensure you read and comply with all the relevant information contained in this response to your BYDA enquiry.

Before You Dig Checklist



1. Plan

- Review maps provided with this BYDA response and confirm the location of your work site is correct.



2. Prepare

- Electronically locate gas assets and mark locations.
- Note: Look for visible evidence of gas assets at the worksite which may not be shown on plans.



3. Pothole

- Not applicable where no gas assets present.



4. Protect

- Not applicable where no gas assets present.



5. Proceed

- Only proceed with your work once you are confident no gas assets are located in vicinity to your work location.
- APA BYDA response (including maps) are on site for reference at all times, and less than 30 days old.

Contacts

Contacts APA Group	
Enquiry	Contact Numbers
General enquiries or feedback regarding this information or gas assets.	APA – Before You Dig Officer Phone: 1800 085 628 Email: BYDA_APA@apa.com.au
Gas Emergencies	Phone: 1800 GAS LEAK (1800 427 532)

Site Watch

Site Watch is where an APA field officer attends your work site to monitor and ensure controls are in place to protect critical gas assets from damage during work.

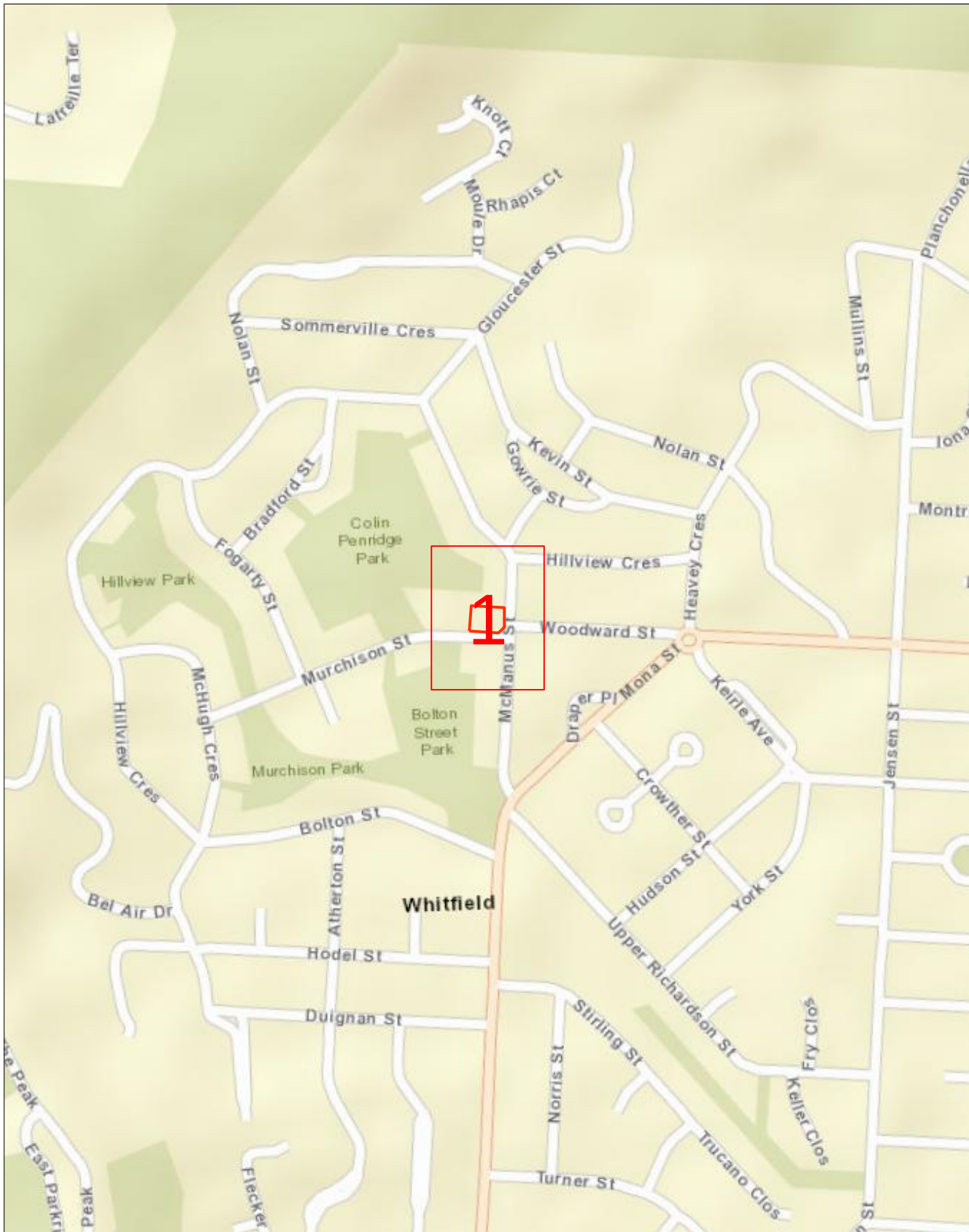
The following rates apply for this service (1 hour minimum charge):

Item	Rate (excl. gst)
Site Watch – Business Hours	\$143.42 per hour
Site Watch – After Hours	\$175.06 per hour
Cancellation Fee	\$286.84
<i>Fee applies where cancelations received after 12pm (midday), 1 business day prior to the booking</i>	

Contact APA – Before You Dig officer for state specific hours of business.

Site 237 McManus Street
Address: Whitfield
QLD 4870

Sequence 265726557
Number:



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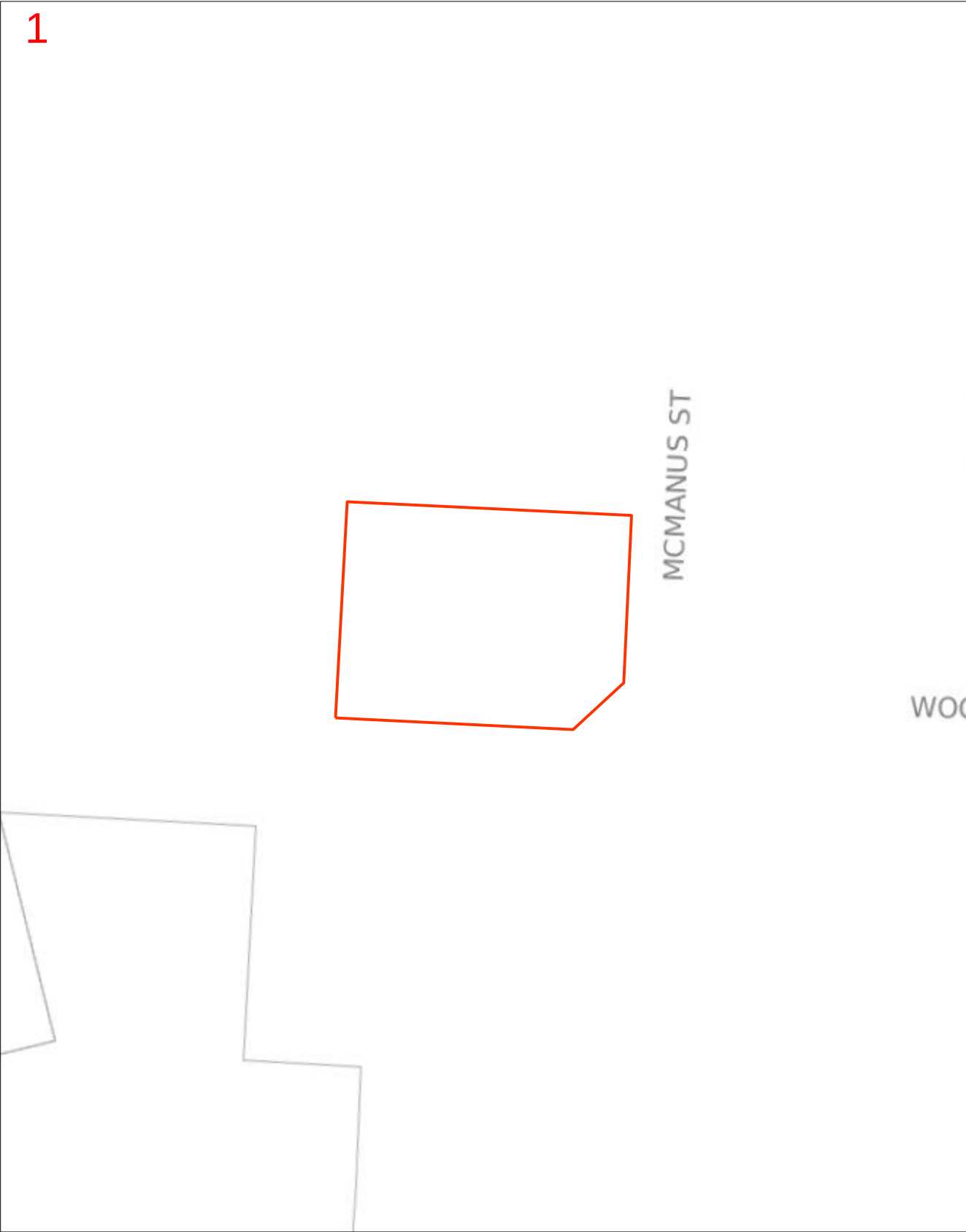
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Enquiry Area

Map Key Area





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Pipe	Pipe code and material	Object
Low pressure	C* (for example, C2) Cast iron	Valve
Medium pressure	CU Copper	Buried valve
High pressure	N2 Nylon	Regulator
Transmission pressure	P* Polyethylene (PE)	Gas supplied = yes
Critical main (behind pipe)	P3 Polyvinyl chloride (PVC)	CP rectifier terminal
Proposed (pressure by colour)	P6, P7, P9–P12 Medium density PE	CP test station
LPG (pressure by colour)	P2, P4, P8 High density PE	CP anode
Hydrogen blended (pressure by colour)	S* Steel	CP bond wire
Abandoned	W2 Wrought galv iron	Syphon
Idle/inactive	W3 PE coat wrought galv iron	Trace wire point
Sleeve		
Casing (behind pipe)		
Area	Abbreviation	
BYDA area of interest	BoK Back of kerb	FoK Front of kerb
	C Depth of cover	Galv Galvanized
	CP Cathodic protection	NTI Not tied in
Example		
Pipe	Pipe code	
40P6 in 80C2	40 mm high pressure medium density poly in an 80 mm cast iron casing	Pipe diameter in millimetres is shown before pipe code. 40P6 = 40 mm nominal diameter
63S8	63 mm medium pressure steel	

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Important information

- Refer to requirements relating to construction, excavation and other work activities in the **APA Guidelines for Works Near Existing Gas Assets** document with this BYDA response.
- BYDA enquiries are valid for 30 days. If your works commence after 30 days from the date of this response a new enquiry is required to validate location information.
- **For some BYDA enquiries, you may receive two (2) responses from APA. Please read both responses carefully as they relate to different assets.**
- Gas (inlet) services connecting Gas Assets in the street to the gas meter on the property are not marked on the map. South Australia Only – if a meter box is installed on the property, a sketch of the gas service location may be found inside the gas meter box. APA does not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of these sketches.

Free Gas Pipeline Awareness Training and Information

PROFESSIONALS

APA offers online and in-person toolbox forums to support safe work near underground gas assets. Topics include distribution and transmission pipelines, the permit process, and gas emergencies, with content suited for companies of all sizes. A Continuing Professional Development certificate is available upon completion.

Scan the QR code to register for an online toolbox, or email damageprevention@apa.com.au to request an in-person presentation.

HOMEOWNERS

If you're working near your home's gas pipes stay safe and view APA's video guide '**Working Safely Near Gas Lines: A DIY Homeowner's Guide**' which offers simple tips to avoid damaging gas pipes.

Scan the QR code to view the video, or for more information email damageprevention@apa.com.au



Disclaimer and legal details

- This information is valid for 30 days from the date of this response.
- This information has been generated by an automated system based on the area highlighted in your BYDA request and has not been independently verified.
- Map location information is provided as AS5488-2022 Quality Level D, as such supplied location information is indicative only.
- Whilst APA has taken reasonable steps to ensure that the information supplied is accurate, the information is provided strictly on the condition that no assurance, representation, warranty or guarantee (express or implied) is given by APA in relation to the information (including without limitation quality, accuracy, reliability, completeness, currency, sustainability, or suitability for any particular purpose) except that the information has been disclosed in good faith.
- Any party who undertakes activities in the vicinity of APA operated assets has a legal duty of care that must be observed. This legal obligation requires all parties to adhere to a standard of reasonable care while performing any acts that could foreseeably harm these assets



Referral
265726556

Member Phone
(07) 4044 3044

Responses from this member

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Attention: **Charlotte Whitham**

Thank you for your Before You Dig (BYDA) enquiry.

Job Number: **51948990**

Sequence Number: **265726556**

Dig Site Location: **237 McManus Street Whitfield QLD 4870**

According to our records, your enquiry with the following details **impacts our infrastructure**. Please ensure that you read the attached documents, it contains important information including essential steps that must be undertaken prior to commencing construction activities.

This enquiry is valid for **30 days** from the enquiry date.

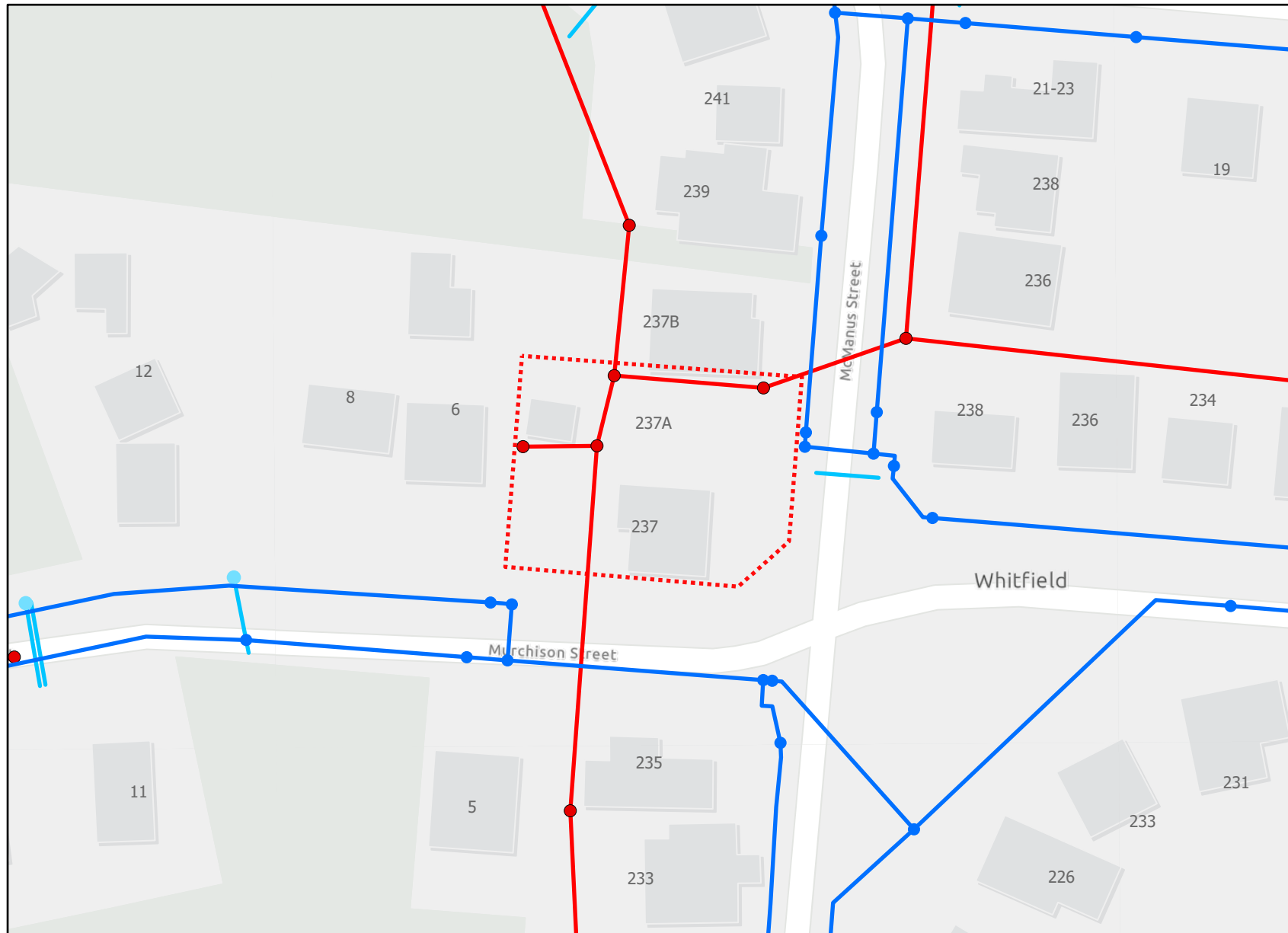
If you require further information or assistance with interpretation of plans, please contact **Cairns Regional Council** on **1300 692 247** council@cairns.qld.gov.au

This enquiry response, including any associated documentation, has been assessed and compiled from the information detailed within the BYDA enquiry outlined above. Please ensure that the BYDA enquiry details and this response accurately reflect your proposed works.

You may also view the response with an interactive web map below:

[View web map](#)

[Download spatial data](#)



Legend

 BYDA Enquiry

Water

 Water Nodes

 Water Pipes

Drainage

 Drainage Nodes

 Drainage Lines

Sewer

 Sewer Node

 Sewer Gravity Pipe

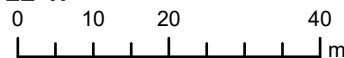
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In an emergency contact Cairns Regional Council on 1300 69 22 47

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No Assets Recorded

Before You Dig Australia (BYDA) Request

Please DO NOT SEND A REPLY to this email as it has been automatically generated and replies are not monitored.

Our search has revealed within the nominated search area, ERGON ENERGY NETWORK does not have any Assets recorded.

A detailed plan has not been provided.

You:

Charlotte Whitham

BYDA Enquiry No:

265726559

Company:

Miller Harris Lawyers

Date of Response:

15 Dec 2025

Search Location:

237 McManus Street
Whitfield,
QLD 4870

Period of Plan Validity:

4 Weeks

External Comments (if any):

**WARNING: When working in the vicinity of ERGON ENERGY NETWORK Assets
You have a legal *Duty of Care* that must be observed.**

It is important that You note:

1. Immediately report life threatening emergencies to Emergency Services on **000** or to ERGON ENERGY NETWORK on **13 16 70**.
2. Please read and understand all the information and disclaimers provided - including the Terms and Conditions on the attached pages.
3. We have only searched the area which has been nominated in the request. If this nominated area is not what You require, please resubmit another enquiry with BYDA.
4. Plans provided by ERGON ENERGY NETWORK are only an indication of the presence of Assets within the nominated area. Locations provided are approximate and the plans are not suitable for scaling purposes, as exact ground cover and alignments cannot be provided. You must confirm the exact location of Assets by use of an electronic cable locator followed by careful, non-mechanical excavation (i.e. potholing).
5. Plans provided by ERGON ENERGY NETWORK do not encompass ERGON ENERGY NETWORK overhead Assets.
6. ERGON ENERGY NETWORK, its servants or agents shall not be liable for any loss or damage caused or occasioned by the use of plans and details supplied pursuant to the BYDA Request and You agree to indemnify ERGON ENERGY NETWORK against any claim or demand for any such loss or damage to You, Your servants or Your agents.

7. You are responsible for any damage to Assets caused by works pursuant to or in any way connected with this BYDA Request.
8. In addition to Assets marked on attached plan, there could be underground earth conductors, underground substation earth conductors, Multiple Earthed Neutral(MEN) conductors, Single Wire Earth Return(SWER), Substation Earth Conductors, ABS Earth Mats or Consumer Mains in the vicinity or private underground cables (inc. consumers' mains that may run from ERGON ENERGY NETWORK mains onto private property) in the vicinity of the nominated work area(s) that are not marked on the plans.
9. Independent underground cable locators can be found via the [Certified Locator website](#) with LV Cable (up to 1kV), HV Cable (1kV-<33kV) & HV cable (33kV and over) displayed.
10. The ERGON ENERGY NETWORK Before You Dig Australia (BYDA) information map(s) provide the vicinity of Assets and will not be adequate for conveyancing purposes. A Request for Search (Property Search) can be arranged through ERGON ENERGY NETWORK.
11. The attached plans are only valid for a period of four weeks from receipt. If excavation does not commence within four weeks, a new plan should be obtained.
12. The ERGON ENERGY NETWORK BYDA map (named maps.pdf) may contain shaded area(s), indicating the location of planned work(s). Should You find planned works that You believe may affect Your planned work(s), please contact the ERGON ENERGY NETWORK BDYA team on the details listed below.
13. ERGON ENERGY NETWORK may contact you to discuss Your proposed excavation in the vicinity of feeders identified on the attached plan(s).
14. Do not access any Assets, for example conduits, cables, pits or cabinets.
15. Your work will need to comply with:
 - [Working near overhead and underground electric lines - Electrical safety code of practice 2020](#)
 - [Managing electrical risks in the workplace Code of Practice 2021 \(worksafe.qld.gov.au\)](#)
 - [Excavation work Code of Practice 2021 \(worksafe.qld.gov.au\)](#)

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BYDA

Sequence: 265726559
Date: 15/12/2025

Scale: 1:536
Tile No: **OVERVIEW**

LEGEND

- Substation
- Cable Marker
- Pit
- Pole
- Pillar
- LV Cable (up to 1kV)
- HV Cable (1kV – <33kV)
- HV Cable (33kV and over)
- Pit Boundary
- Planned Work Area

AS5488 Category “D” Plan



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Responsibilities – (When Working in the Vicinity of Ergon Energy Network Asset)

Extreme care must be taken during non-mechanical or mechanical excavation as damage to Ergon Energy Network underground Asset can lead to injury or death of workers or members of the public. Assets includes underground cables, conduits and other associated underground Asset used for controlling, generating, supplying, transforming or transmitting electricity.

A Person Conducting a Business or Undertaking (PCBU) must ensure the person's business or undertaking is conducted in a way that is electrically safe. This includes:

- a) ensuring that all Assets used in the conduct of the person's business or undertaking is electrically safe;
- b) if the person's business or undertaking includes the performance of electrical work, ensuring the electrical safety of all persons and property likely to be affected by the electrical work; and
- c) if the person's business or undertaking includes the performance of work, whether or not electrical work, involving contact with, or being near to, exposed parts, ensuring persons performing the work are electrically safe.

In addition, a PCBU at a workplace must ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that no person, Asset or thing at the workplace comes within an unsafe distance of an underground electric line.

Workers and other persons must also take reasonable care for their own and other person's electrical safety. This includes complying, so far as is reasonably able, with any reasonable instructions given by Ergon Energy Network to ensure compliance with the [Electrical Safety Act 2002](#)

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The following matters must be considered when working near Ergon Energy Network Asset:

1. The PCBU must ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that no person, Asset or thing at the workplace comes within an unsafe distance of an underground electric line (see section 68 of the [Electrical Safety Regulation 2013](#)).
2. It is the responsibility of the architect, consulting engineer, developer, and head contractor in the project planning stages to design for minimal impact and protection of Ergon Energy Network Assets.
3. It is the constructor's responsibility to:
 - a) Anticipate and request plans of Ergon Energy Network Assets for a location at a reasonable time before construction begins.
 - b) Visually locate Ergon Energy Network Assets by hand or vacuum excavation where construction activities may damage or interfere with Ergon Energy Network Assets.
 - c) To notify Ergon Energy Network if the information provided is found to be not accurate or Assets are found on site that are not recorded on the Ergon Energy Network BYDA plans.
 - d) Read and understand all the information and disclaimers provided.

Note: A constructor may include but not limited to a PCBU, Designer, Project Manager, Installer, Contractor, Electrician, Builder, Engineer or a Civil Contractor

4. Comply with applicable work health and safety and electrical safety codes of practice including but not limited to:

- a) Working near Assets – [Electrical Safety Codes of Practice 2020](#)
- b) Managing electrical risk in the workplace – [Managing Electrical Risks in the workplace Code of Practice 2021](#)
- c) [Excavation work – Code of practice 2021](#)

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- As the alignment and boundaries of roadways with other properties (and roads within roadways) frequently change, the alignments and boundaries contained within Ergon Energy Network plans and maps will frequently differ from present alignments and boundaries “on the ground”. Accordingly, in every case where it appears that alignments and boundaries have shifted, or new roadways have been added, the constructor should obtain confirmation of the actual position of Ergon Energy Network Assets under the roadways. In no case should the constructor rely on statements of third parties in relation to the position of Ergon Energy Network Assets. It is the applicant's responsibility to accurately locate all services as part of the design and/or prior to excavation.
- Ergon Energy Network does not provide information on private underground installations, including consumers' mains that may run from Ergon Energy Network mains onto private property. Assets located on private property are the responsibility of the owner for identification and location.
- Ergon Energy Network plans are circuit diagrams or pipe indication diagrams only and indicate the presence of Asset in the general vicinity of the geographical area shown. Exact ground cover and alignments cannot be given with any certainty as such levels can change over time.
- All underground conduits are presumed to contain asbestos. Refer to:
 - [Electrical safety codes of practice 2020](#)
 - [Model Code of Practice: How to manage and control asbestos in the workplace | Safe Work Australia](#)
 - [How to manage and control asbestos in the workplace code of practice 2021 \(Workplace Health and Safety Queensland \(WHSQ\)\)](#)
 - [How to manage and control asbestos Code of Practice 2021 \(WHSQ\)](#)
- Plans provided by Ergon Energy Network are not guaranteed to show the presence of above ground Assets.
- In addition to underground cables marked on attached plan, there could be underground earth conductors, underground substation earth conductors, Multiple Earthed Neutral(MEN) conductors, Single Wire Earth Return(SWER), Substation Earth Conductors, ABS Earth Mats or Consumer Mains in the vicinity or private underground cables (inc. consumers' mains that may run from ERGON ENERGY NETWORK mains onto private property) in the vicinity of the nominated work area(s) that are not marked on the plans.
- Being aware of Your obligations including but not limited to [s 304] Excavation work— underground essential services information under the [Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011](#), Chapter 6 Construction work, Part 6.3 Duties of person conducting business or undertaking. This includes but is not limited to taking reasonable steps to obtain the current information and providing this information to persons engaged to carry out the excavation work. For further information please refer to: - <http://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/LEGISLTN/SLS/2011/11SL240.pdf>
- Ergon Energy Network plans are designed to be printed in colour and as an A3 Landscape orientation

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Conditions – (When Working in the Vicinity of Ergon Energy Network Asset)

Records:

The first step before any excavation commences is to obtain records of Ergon Energy Network Assets in the vicinity of the work. For new work, records should be obtained during the planning and design stage. The records provided by Ergon Energy Network must be made available to all construction groups on site. Where Asset information is transferred to plans for the proposed work, care must be exercised to ensure that important detail is not lost in the process.

Plans and or details provided by Ergon Energy Network are current for four weeks from the date of dispatch and should be disposed of by shredding or any other secure disposal method after use. A new BYDA enquiry must be made for proposed works/activities to be undertaken outside of the four-week period.

Ergon Energy Network retains copyright of all plans and details provided in connection with Your request.

Ergon Energy Network plans or other details are provided for the use of the applicant, its servants, or agents, and shall not be used for any unauthorised purpose.

On receipt of BYDA plans and before commencing excavation work or similar activities near Ergon Energy Network's Assets, check to see that it relates to the area You have requested and carefully locate this Asset first to avoid damage. If You are unclear about any information contained in the plan, You must contact Ergon Energy Network on the General Enquiries number listed below for further advice.

Ergon Energy Network, its servants or agents shall not be liable for any loss or damage caused or occasioned by the use of plans and or details so supplied to the applicant, its servants and agents, and the applicant agrees to indemnify Ergon Energy Network against any claim or demand for any such loss or damage.

The constructor is responsible for all Asset damages when works commence prior to obtaining Ergon Energy Network plans, or failure to follow agreed instructions, or failure to demonstrate all reasonable measures were taken to prevent the damage once plans were received from Ergon Energy Network.

Ergon Energy Network reserves all rights to recover compensation for loss or damage caused by interference or damage, including consequential loss and damages to its cable network, or other property.

NOTE: Where Your proposed work location contains ERGON ENERGY NETWORK Underground cables please access the [ERGON ENERGY NETWORK BYDA Website](#) for more information.

Location of Assets:

Examining the records is not sufficient, as reference points may change from the time of installation. Records must also be physically proven when working in close proximity to them. The exact location of Asset likely to be affected shall be confirmed by use of an electronic cable and pipe locator followed by **careful hand or vacuum excavation to the level of cable protection cover strips or conduits**. When conducting locations please be aware that **no** unauthorised access is permitted to Ergon Energy Network Assets– including Pits, Low Voltage Disconnection Boxes, Low Voltage Pillars or High Voltage Link Boxes.

Hand or vacuum excavation must be used in advance of excavators. In any case, where any doubt exists with respect to interpretation of cable records, You must contact Ergon Energy Network on the General Enquires number listed below for further advice.

If the constructor is unable to locate Ergon Energy Network underground Assets within 5 metres of nominal plan locations, they must contact the Ergon Energy Network General Enquires number listed below for further advice.

If unknown cables or conduits (i.e. not shown on issued BYDA plans) are located during excavation:

1. Call the ELECTRICITY EMERGENCIES number listed below
2. Treat cables as if alive, post a person to keep all others clear of the excavation until Ergon Energy Network crew attend to make safe.
3. All work in the vicinity of damaged Asset must cease and the area must be vacated until a clearance to continue work has been obtained from an Ergon Energy Network officer.

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Asset Installation Methods:

Ergon Energy Network Assets are installed with a variety of protection devices including:

1. Clay paving bricks or tiles marked "Electricity" or similar (also unmarked)
2. Concrete or PVC cover slabs
3. PVC, A/C or fibro conduit, fibre reinforced concrete, iron or steel pipe
4. Concrete encased PVC or steel pipe
5. Thin plastic marker tape
6. Large pipes housing multiple ducts
7. Multiple duct systems, including earthenware or concrete 2, 4, and 6-way ducts and shamrocks

Note: Some Assets are known to be buried without covers and may change depth or alignment along the route.

Excavating Near Assets:

For all work within 2.5m of nominal location, the constructor is required to hand or vacuum excavate (pothole) and expose the Asset, hence proving its exact location before work can commence.

Cable protection cover strips shall not be disturbed. Excavation below these cover strips, or into the surrounding backfill material is not permitted.

Excavating Parallel to Assets:

If construction work is parallel to Ergon Energy Network Assets, then hand or vacuum excavation (potholing) at least every 4m is required to establish the location of all Assets, hence confirming nominal locations before work can commence. *Generally, there is no restriction to excavations parallel to Ergon Energy Network Assets to a depth not exceeding that of the Asset. **Note: Asset depths & alignment may change suddenly.***

Separation from Assets:

Any service(s) must be located at the minimum separation as per the tables below:

Table 1. Minimum Separation Requirements for Underground Services Running Parallel with Ergon Energy Network Assets

(Minimum Separation required in mm)							
Voltage Level	Gas	Communication or TV	Water		Sanitary drainage		Storm Water
			≤DN 200	>DN200	≤DN 200	>DN 200	
LV	250	100	500	*1000	500	1000	500
HV		300					
*Contact Ergon Energy Network/council to obtain specific separation distances							

Table 2. Minimum Separation Requirements for Underground Services Crossing Ergon Energy Network Assets

(Minimum Separation required in mm)					
Voltage Level	Gas	Communication or TV	Water	Sanitary drainage	Storm Water
LV & HV	100	100	300	300	100

Where the above table does not list a separation requirement for a particular underground service then 300mm shall be used.

Excavating Across Assets:

The standard clearance between services shall be maintained as set down in Table 2 above. If the width or depth of the excavation is such that the cables will be exposed or unsupported, then Ergon Energy Network shall be contacted to determine whether the cables should be taken out of service, or whether they need to be protected or supported. In no case shall an Asset cover be removed without approval. An Asset cover may only be removed under the supervision of an Ergon Energy Network authorised representative. Protective cover strips when removed must be replaced under Ergon Energy Network supervision. Under no circumstances shall they be omitted to allow separation between Ergon Energy Network Assets and other services.

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Heavy Machinery Operation Over Assets:

Where heavy "Crawler" or "Vibration" type machinery is operated over the top of Assets, a minimum cover of 450mm to the protective cover must be maintained using load bearing protection whilst the machinery is in operation. For sensitive Assets (i.e. 33 and 110kV fluid and gas filled cables), there may be additional constraints placed on vibration and settlement by Ergon Energy Network.

Directional Boring Near Cables:

When boring parallel to Assets, it is essential that trial holes are carefully hand or vacuum excavated at regular intervals to prove the actual location of the Assets before using boring machinery. Where it is required to bore across the line of Assets, the actual location of the Assets shall first be proven by hand or vacuum excavation. A trench shall be excavated 1m from the side of the Asset where the auger will approach to ensure a minimum clearance of 500mm above and below all LV, 11kV, 33kV & 110/132kV Assets shall be maintained.

Explosives:

Explosives must not be used within 10 metres of Assets, unless an engineering report is provided indicating that no damage will be sustained. Clearances should be obtained from Ergon Energy Network's Planning Engineer for use of explosives in the vicinity of Ergon Energy Network Assets.

Damage Reporting:

All damage to Assets must be reported no matter how insignificant the damage appears to be. Even very minor damage to Asset protective coverings can lead to eventual failure of Assets through corrosion of metal sheaths and moisture ingress.

If any Damaged Asset is found:

1. Call the ELECTRICITY EMERGENCIES number listed below
2. Treat cables as if alive, post a person to keep all others clear of the excavation until Ergon Energy Network crew attend to make safe.
3. All work in the vicinity of damaged Asset must cease and the area must be vacated until a clearance to continue work has been obtained from an Ergon Energy Network officer.

Solutions and Assistance:

If Asset location plans or visual location of Ergon Energy Network Asset by hand or vacuum excavation reveals that the location of Ergon Energy Network Asset is situated wholly or partly where the developer or constructor plans to work, then Ergon Energy Network shall be contacted to assist with Your development of possible engineering solutions.

If Ergon Energy Network relocation or protection works are part of the agreed solution, then payment to Ergon Energy Network for the cost of this work shall be the responsibility of the PCBU, principal developer or constructor. Ergon Energy Network will provide an estimated quotation for work on receipt of the PCBU's, developer's or constructor's order number before work proceeds.

It will be necessary for the developer or constructor to provide Ergon Energy Network with a written Safe Work Method Statement for all works in the vicinity of or involving Ergon Energy Network Asset. This Safe Work Method Statement should form part of the tendering documentation and work instruction. Refer Interactive Tool on Safe Work Australia site: [Interactive SWMS guidance tool - Overview](#) (safeworkaustralia.gov.au)

Vacuum Excavations (Hydro Vac)

When operating hydro vac equipment to excavate in vicinity of Assets (cables/conduits) fitted with:

- Nonconductive (neoprene rubber or equivalent) vacuum (suction) hose.
- Oscillating nozzle on pressure wand with water pressure adjusted to not exceeding 2000 Pound force per Square Inch (PSI)

Maintain a minimum distance of 200mm between end of pressure wand and underground electrical Assets. DO NOT insert the pressure wand jet directly into subsoil.

Ensure pressure wand is not directly aimed at underground electrical Assets (cables/conduits).

Safety Notices (Underground Work)

It is recommended that You obtain a written Safety Advice from ERGON ENERGY NETWORK when working close to Ergon Asset's. For Safety Advice please contact SafetyAdvice@energyq.com.au

Further information on Working Safely around Ergon Energy Network Assets: [Working near powerlines | Ergon Energy](#)

***Thank You for Your interest in maintaining a safe and secure Electricity Distribution network.
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ELECTRICITY ENTITY REQUIREMENTS - WORKING NEAR OVERHEAD AND UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC LINES



Part of Energy Queensland

Purpose: This instruction describes Electricity Entity requirements for working or operating plant near any Electricity Entity Overhead or Underground electric lines.

Scope: This instruction applies to anyone who may be contemplating working or operating plant near any Electricity Entity Overhead or Underground electric lines.

Person responsible for ensuring compliance with this Work Practice:	All EQL employees have responsibility to comply with listed controls.
Measures in place to ensure compliance with the Work Practice:	Team Leaders must provide appropriate supervision and / or assurance in addition to formal assurance activities performed by EQL.
Person(s) responsible for reviewing the Work Practice:	Prior to any task listed on this Work Practice being performed, the contents must be understood by all workers exposed to the hazard on site. (i.e. using HazChat).
Work Practice control and guidance to be reviewed:	All controls for this task must be verified, monitored, and maintained by crews for the duration of works.

Key tools and equipment: N/A

Note:

Prior to works commencing the contents of supporting Work Practices must be understood.

If at any time the control or procedural guidance in this Work Practice cannot be applied or are not suitable, work must cease, and advice must be sought from your leader or a Technical SME before proceeding.

Work Practices may be provided as a means of sharing hazard and control information to EQL contractors. But it is the responsibility of the contractor to provide their own safe system of work (including, consultation, training, instruction, and supervision to reduce risk SFAIRP)

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1. ABOUT THIS GUIDE

This guide to working near the Electricity Entity network is designed to assist any person working, contemplating work or operating plant near any Electricity Entity overhead or underground electric lines to meet their duties under the Work Health and Safety Act 2011, Electrical Safety Act 2002, Electrical Safety Regulation 2013 and relevant Codes of Practice including Electrical Safety Code of Practice 2020 Working Near Overhead and Underground Electric Lines and help to identify the steps needed to ensure risks are minimised for all who work or are likely to be affected by the work in these situations.

“The Electrical Code of Practice 2020 Working Near Overhead and Under Ground Electric Lines” provides practical advice on ways to manage electrical risk when working near electric lines including the exclusion zones that apply. An electronic copy of this Code of Practice as well as, Electrical Safety Act and Regulation is available at the Queensland Government Electrical Safety Office web site at <https://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/electricalsafety>. You should obtain a copy and read this material, to enable you to fully understand your obligations, and prospective means of complying with them.

1.1. Who does the Electrical Safety Code of Practice 2020 - Working Near Overhead and Underground Electric Lines and Electricity Entity Requirements apply to?

A person, worker or Person Conducting a Business or Undertaking (PCBU) at a workplace is required to comply with the requirements of Electrical Safety Regulation 2013 Part 5 Overhead and Underground Electric Lines and Electrical Safety Code of Practice 2020 Working Near Overhead and Underground Electric Lines to ensure that no person, plant or thing comes within an unsafe distance (exclusion zone) of an overhead electric line. Compliance with these regulatory requirements is essential to reduce the risk of electric shock and contact with Electricity Entity electric lines and other assets which can have deadly consequences.

Examples of work activities where risk of person, plant or equipment coming near or into contact with overhead electric lines include but are not limited to:

- Pruning or felling trees or vegetation near overhead electric lines, including the service wire into a building.
- Carrying out building work, scaffolding or demolition adjacent to overhead electric lines.
- Painting fascia, replacing roofing, guttering or external cladding near service line point of entry to a building.
- Operating cranes, tip trucks, cane harvesters, elevated work platforms, fork lifts, grain augers, excavators, irrigators, etc near OH electric lines.
- Erecting or maintaining advertising signs or billboards near overhead electric lines.
- Dam or levee bank construction.

Examples of work activities that could involve risk of damage to underground cables or earthing systems include but are not limited to:

- Digging holes, excavating, sawing, trenching, under boring, sinking bore holes, earthworks or laying cables, pipes, etc or driving implements into the ground (e.g. star pickets, fence posts) near where underground cables or earthing systems may be located.

1.2. Are you working or planning to work near overhead or underground electric lines?

Electrical Safety Regulation Section 68 requires that before carrying out any work at a workplace where there is a risk of any person, plant or thing encroaching the exclusion zone of overhead electric lines, the person, worker or PCBU is required to ensure that the potential hazards are identified, a risk assessment conducted and the necessary control measures implemented to minimise electrical safety risks to ensure the safety of all workers and other persons at the workplace. The Electrical Safety Regulation 2013 and Electrical Safety Code of Practice 2020 - Working Near Overhead and Underground Electric Lines detail the Exclusion Zones that must be maintained.

1.2.1 Work near overhead electric lines

Where a risk assessment has been conducted and control measures implemented in accordance with requirement of Electrical Safety Code of Practice 2020 - Working Near Overhead and Underground Electric Lines and Electricity Entity Requirements (this document) and it has identified that exclusion zones from overhead electric lines cannot be maintained, the person, worker or PCBU is then required to contact Electricity Entity and request written Safety Advice (refer Section 1.3 below).

The person, worker or PCBU shall be required to maintain exclusion zones until such times as the Electricity Entity has provided written Safety Advice. A person, worker or PCBU would not be required to contact the Electricity Entity and request a written Safety Advice where their risk assessment and implemented control measures ensure that exclusion zones from overhead electric lines will be maintained throughout performance of work to be undertaken at a particular site.

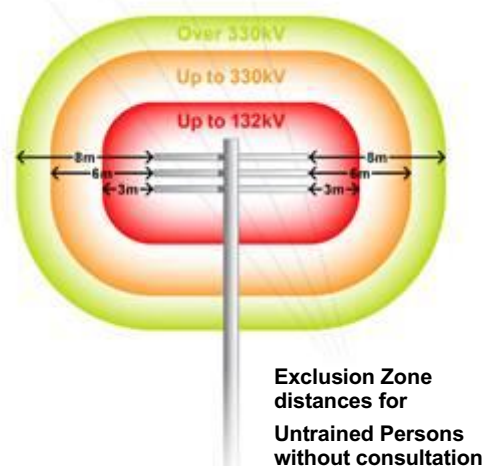
1.2.2 Exclusion Zones

An exclusion zone is a safety envelope around an overhead electric line. No part of a worker, operating plant or vehicle should enter an exclusion zone while the overhead electric line is energised (live).

Exclusion zones keep people, operating plant and vehicles a safe distance from energised overhead lines.

You must keep yourself and anything associated with the work activity out of the exclusion zone (e.g. a safe distance) unless it is not reasonably practicable to do so; and the person conducting a business or undertaking complies with the requirements of Section 68(2) of the Electrical Safety Regulation in relation to:

- conducting a risk assessment.
- implementing control measures
- adhering to any requirements of an Electricity Entity responsible for the line.



Exclusion Zone – Untrained Person (distances in mm)

Nominal phase to phase voltage of electric line	Untrained Person		
	Person	Operating Plant	Operating Vehicles
Insulated LV: Consultation with and verified by AP (Electrical)	No exclusion zone prescribed	1000	300
LV with NO consultation with Electricity Entity	3000	3000	600
LV With consultation with Electricity Entity	1000		
>LV up to 33 kV with NO consultation with Electricity Entity	3000		900
LV up to 33 kV with consultation with Electricity Entity	2000		
>33 kV up to 132 kV	3000		2100
>132 kV up to 220 kV	4500	6000	2900
>220 kV up to 275 kV	5000		

Information extracted from Electrical Safety Regulation 2013 Schedule 2

Exclusion Zone – Instructed Person and Authorised Person (distances in mm)

Nominal phase to phase Voltage of electric line	Instructed Person (IP) & Authorised Person (AP)		
	AP and IP	Operating Plant with Safety Observer or another Safe System of work	Operating of Vehicles
Insulated LV: Consultation with and verified by AP (Electrical)	No exclusion zone prescribed	No exclusion zone prescribed	No exclusion zone prescribed
LV	No exclusion zone prescribed	1000	600
>LV up to 33 kV	700	1200	700
>33 kV up to 50 kV	750	1300	750
>50 kV up to 66 kV	1000	1400	1000
>66 kV up to 110 kV		1800	
>110 up to 132	1200		1200

Information extracted from Electrical Safety Regulation 2013 Schedule 2

1.2.3 Work near underground electrical lines (underground electrical assets)

Before carrying out any earthworks at a location, the person, worker or PCBU is required to ensure that the potential hazards are identified, a risk assessment conducted and the necessary control measures implemented to minimise the risk of damaging identified or unidentified underground electrical assets and to ensure the safety of all workers and other persons at the workplace. The Electrical Safety Regulation 2013 and Electrical Safety Code of Practice 2020 - Working Near Overhead and Underground Electric Lines and Electricity Entity Requirements detail the requirement for work near underground electric lines.

There is no exclusion zone applicable for underground electrical assets – conduits, cables (unless cable is damaged, or conductors or terminations have been exposed) therefore there is **no requirement for a written Safety Advice** to be requested by a person, worker or PCBU, or issued by an electricity entity for work at a site that only involves identified or unidentified underground electrical assets (e.g. does not involved overhead electric lines or other exposed live parts within the work location).

1.3. Obtaining Safety Advice

To obtain written Safety Advice where identified as being required in Section 1.2.1 above, complete and return (by fax or email) the applicable Safety Advice Request Form which is accessible via the electricity entity website link on page 9:

- Energex Form - Application for Safety Advice – Working near Energex exposed live parts
- Ergon Energy Safety Advice Request Form

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On receipt, the Electricity Entity will contact the Applicant to advise date and time to meet at site to provide written Safety Advice. It is advisable to bring to the meeting your copy of the Electrical Safety Code of Practice 2020 Working Near Overhead and Underground Electric Lines (and Before You Dig Australia Plan for location of underground assets where required), as reference to this will be necessary during the meeting. Written Safety Advice and/or other control measures provided by the Electricity Entity may incur a fee.

Failure to adhere to the Electrical Safety Regulation Section 68 requirements and mandatory control measures as documented on written Safety Advice as issued will result in written non-compliance advice being sent to the Electrical Safety Office.

Where this work is required to occur on a regular basis at a workplace, the PCBU may consider arranging to have one or more employees trained and subsequently accredited with the Electricity Entity as Authorised Persons.

1.4. Authorised Person and how to become one?

Under the Electrical Safety Regulation 2013, the exclusion zones for working near or operating plant or vehicles near exposed, low voltage or high voltage electric lines vary depending on whether a person is classed as an “Untrained Person”, “Authorised Person” or “Instructed Person”. An Authorised Person is permitted to carry out work closer to the electric lines than an Untrained Person (refer Electrical Safety Code of Practice 2020 Working Near Overhead and Underground Electric Lines Appendix B Exclusion Zones for Overhead Electric Lines).

To become an Authorised Person, the employer / self-employed person must first satisfy the “person in control” of the electric line, in this case the Electricity Entity, that their Applicants possess the required competencies. They must then apply in writing to Electricity Entity for approval.

Removal or replacement of LV service fuse to permit work on consumers’ mains, installation switchboard, consumer’s terminals or eliminate an exclusion that would exist requires the Electrical Mechanic to hold a current Queensland Electrical Mechanic Licence and perform the work in accordance with their documented safe system of work.

NOTE: It is not permissible to replace a blown LV service fuse(s) after loss of supply to consumer’s installation or to alter Electricity Entity LV aerial services.

1.5. Contacting Electricity Entity for Safety Advice or Authorised Person Enquiries

By phone

- call Electricity Entity on General Enquiries phone number (refer page 3).

By email

- **Energex:** custserve@energex.com.au or authorisedperson@energex.com.au
- **Ergon Energy:** safetyadvice@ergon.com.au

Website

- **Energex:** <https://www.energex.com.au/home/safety/working-near-powerlines>
- **Ergon Energy:** <https://www.ergon.com.au/network/safety/business-safety/the-outdoor-workplace/working-near-powerlines>

2. OVERHEAD ELECTRIC LINES

The following table sets out preparatory work options that may be required to be performed by the Electricity Entity (or electrical contractor where identified as being permitted who is an Authorised Person - Electrical) to assist a person, worker or PCBU in minimising the electrical safety risks of, encroaching within the exclusion zone or contact with electric lines.

Category of work		Description	Costing arrangement
Safety Advice	Base information	Provide Safety Advice	Nil cost to customer
LV Service isolation	1. Isolation carried out by customer's electrical contractor	Isolation of overhead or underground service by removal of the service fuse(s). (Preferred option to isolate supply and eliminate the exclusion zone).	No involvement by the Electricity Entity. May be a cost charged by the customer's electrical contractor.
	2. Isolation carried out by Electricity Entity	Customer requested isolation of overhead or underground service by removal of the service fuse(s); or Customer requested physical disconnection and reconnection of overhead or underground service.	Cost to customer.
Insulation integrity verification	3. Verification of insulation integrity to reduce exclusion zone to no exclusion zone prescribed e.g. no contact permitted	Verification of insulation integrity to classify as insulated service – Insulation integrity can only be verified at the time of inspection – visual inspection is required before confirmation in all cases. When service insulation integrity verified - no exclusion zone prescribed e.g. no contact permitted.	Cost to customer.
Service replacement	4. Open wire service, service fuse(s) at house/building	Replacement of service with new XLPE service cable and service fuse(s) installed at origin (pole end) of service to allow isolation of service. Insulation integrity can be verified for new XLPE services at the time of installation – visual inspection is required before confirmation.	Nil cost to customer for service replacement. Customer responsible for necessary installation, Mains Connection Box and service support bracket upgrade and associated costs if required.
		Service installations where: a. the consumer's mains cannot be insulated and an exclusion zone must be maintained, and b. the service cannot be isolated at the service fuse. Service to be isolated by breaking the service cable connection to the LV mains at the pole. Service fuse(s) to be installed at origin (pole end) of service prior to reconnection.	Nil cost to customer for first disconnection and reconnection. Cost to customer for subsequent requests.

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Category of work		Description	Costing arrangement
	5. All other service replacements	Customer requested replacement of existing service with new XLPE service cable to classify as insulated service, in lieu of isolation, to allow work close (no exclusion zone prescribed e.g. no contact permitted). Service fuse(s) to be installed at origin (pole end) of service.	Cost to customer for service replacement. Customer responsible for necessary installation, Mains Connection Box and service support bracket upgrade and associated costs if required.
Tiger Tails	6. Installation of Tiger Tails (for visual indication only – not for providing electrical insulation of LV mains)	Customer requested coverage of LV mains for visual indication only (not permitted on HV mains). The Entity may also fit tiger tails to LV service line for visual indication only.	Cost to customer.
Aerial Markers	7. Installation of aerial marker flags or balls (for visual indication only)	Customer requested temporary or permanent installation of appropriate aerial marker devices on LV or HV mains.	Cost to customer.
Switching	8. Customer requested switching	Customer requested switching to allow customer/contractor to work close (no exclusion zone prescribed e.g. no contact permitted).	Cost to customer.

2.1. Isolation of supply to customer installation to eliminate exclusion zone around LV service line

An Electrical Mechanic (holding current Queensland Licence) working on behalf of an electrical contractor and accredited with the Electricity Entity as an Authorised Person (Electrical) is permitted to remove and replace LV service fuse(s) when isolation of customer LV service line is required to eliminate the exclusion zone around the LV service line, or to work on the customer's mains and/or switchboard. Isolation of the customer's LV service line by an Authorised Person (Electrical) is only permitted at an underground service pillar or service pole by removing a fuse wedge(s) from a service line, in accordance with Electricity Industry practices e.g. from ground level using appropriate insulated tools, PPE and insulating mats. In those situations where the service fuse/circuit breaker is not located at supply end of the LV service, contact the Electricity Entity to arrange for Safety Advice where elimination of exclusion zone around LV service line is required.

Any controls used by the Authorised Person (Electrical) to identify and confirm isolation and ensure supply to the customer's installation is not inadvertently re-energised shall comply with Electrical Safety Regulation 2013 Section 14 and 15 requirements.

NOTE: The Authorised Person (Electrical) will not be permitted to replace a blown LV service fuse(s) after loss of supply to a customer's installation or to alter the Electricity Entity overhead LV services. The low voltage pole top service fuse shall only be removed by use of an approved, in test, insulated telescopic pole device while standing at ground level and wearing class 00 insulating gloves. At no time is it permissible for an Authorised Person (Electrical) to climb or work aloft on the Electricity Entity's poles or assets unless approved by the Electricity Entity.

2.2. Operating Plant

It can be extremely difficult for operating plant operators to see overhead lines and to judge distances from them. Contact with overhead lines can pose a risk of grounding live conductors and electrocution.

In many cases the likelihood of damage or injury can be reduced by setting up and operating the machinery well clear of overhead electric lines.

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In situations where operating plant is operated by an Authorised Person or Instructed Person without a Safety Observer or another safe system, the exclusion zone requirements (refer Section 1) for an Untrained Person applies (refer Electrical Safety Regulation 2013 Schedule 2 or Electrical Safety Code of Practice 2020 Working Near Overhead and Underground Electric Lines).

For an Authorised or Instructed Person and their Operating Plant to approach overhead electric lines closer than the exclusion zone distances for an Untrained Person, a Safety Observer or another safe system shall be used. Refer to the Electrical Safety Regulation 2013 and the Electrical Safety Code of Practice 2020 - Working Near Overhead and Underground Electric Lines for exclusion zone distances for Authorised and Instructed Persons operating plant with a Safety Observer or another safe system.

Where a Safety Observer is used, the Safety Observer shall:

- Be trained to perform the role.
- Not be required to carry out any other duties at the time, and
- Not be required to observe more than one item of plant operating at a time, and
- Attend all times when the item of plant is operating.

Other control measures for operating plant may include, but are not restricted to:

- Constructing physical barriers or height warning indicators either side of the overhead electric line that are lower than the maximum travel height permissible without encroaching within the exclusion zone of the overhead electric line.
- Applying appropriate signage at least 8 to 10 m either side of overhead electric lines.
- Arrange for visual indicators such as Tiger Tails or aerial markers to fitted to the overhead electric lines – only erected by the Electricity Entity (tiger tails are only permitted on LV mains).
- Ground barriers, where appropriate.
- Informing workers of required work practices.
- Ensuring operators are aware of the height and reach of their machinery in both stowed and working positions.
- Lowering all machinery to the transport position when relocating.
- Providing workers with maps or diagrams showing the location of underground and overhead electric lines, and
- Where possible, directing work away from overhead electric lines not towards them.



2.3. Scaffolding Requirements

The following information provided is for guidance only and shall be read in conjunction with the Electrical Safety Regulation 2013, Electrical Safety Code of Practice 2020 - Working Near Overhead and Underground Electric Lines and AS/NZS 4576:1995: Guidelines for Scaffolding.

Requirements shall be complied with where scaffolding is required to be erected within 4 m of nearby overhead electric lines:

- The scaffolding shall not be erected before contacting and obtaining Safety Advice from the Electricity Entity.
- Erection of scaffolding to comply with requirements of AS/NZS 4576:1995: Guidelines for Scaffolding.

The scaffolding can be either:

- nonconductive material scaffolding; or

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- metallic scaffolding with solid nonconductive barriers (with no gaps, holes or cuts) securely fixed to the outside and/or top of the scaffolding to prevent encroachment within exclusion zones or contact with the energised mains.

Where scaffolding is erected within 3 m of nearby overhead electric lines:

- It shall be fitted with fully enclosed non-conductive solid barriers to prevent encroachment within exclusion zones or contact with the energised mains fully enclosed.
- The person required to erect and/or disassemble scaffolding as well as the required solid barrier affixed to the scaffolding should be an Authorised Person (approved in writing by the Electricity Entity - refer requirements of Section 1.4 of this Reference).
- A Safety Observer shall be used during performance of this work where there is a risk of encroachment within 3 m of nearby energised overhead electric lines for voltages up to 33 kV. Additional requirements may apply for voltage levels above 33 kV, contact the Electricity Entity for consultation.
- Alternatively, consideration should be given to the de-energisation of the nearby electric lines where possible for the duration of this work. Additional requirements may apply for voltage levels above 33 kV, contact the Electricity Entity for consultation.
- Comply with the horizontal and vertical statutory clearances from overhead electric lines as set out in Electrical Safety Regulation 2013 Schedule 4.
- Persons are not permitted to go outside of or climb on top of the solid barrier fixed on the outside and/or top of the scaffolding.

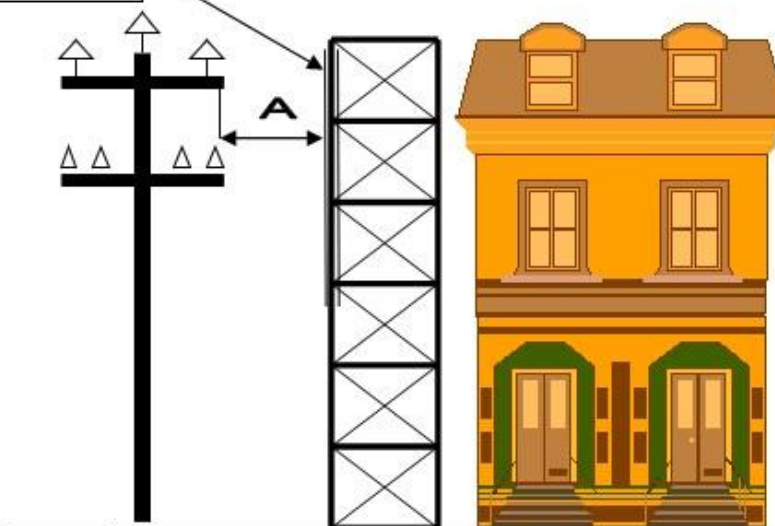
Where an insulated low voltage service line passes through the scaffolding, it should either be de-energised for duration of work or be fully enclosed by non-conductive material (e.g. form ply).

Minimum statutory clearances from nearby overhead electric lines for scaffolding erected with barriers affixed.

Voltage Level	Horizontal Distance "A" (in metres)	Vertical Distance "B" (in metres)
Low voltage conductors (uninsulated)	1.5m	2.7m
Low voltage conductors (insulated) – these distances can only be applied after the integrity of the insulation has been verified by the Electricity Entity	0.3m	0.6m
Above LV and up to 33 kV (uninsulated)	1.5m	3.0m
Above LV and up to 33 kV (insulated)	Contact Electricity Entity for consultation.	
Above 33 kV (uninsulated)	Additional requirements may apply for voltage levels above 33 kV, contact the Electricity Entity for consultation.	

NOTE: Dimension's "A" and "B" is between the scaffolding and the closest conductor of the overhead electric line. Dimension B is also taken from the lowest part of the mid span sag adjacent to the scaffolding.

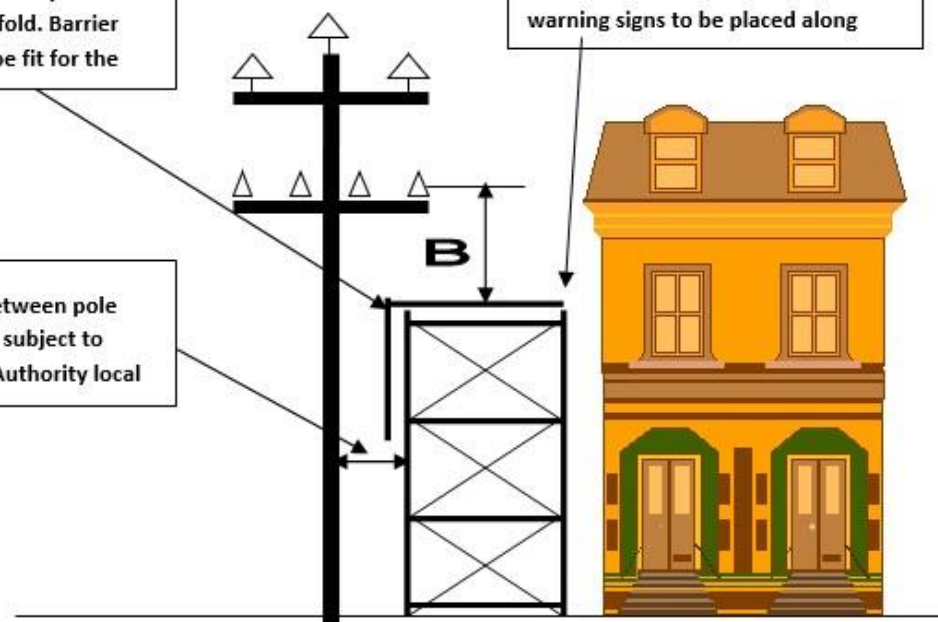
Barrier fixed securely to the face of the scaffold. Barrier material must be fit for the intended purpose.



Barrier fixed securely to the face of the scaffold. Barrier material must be fit for the

Barriers and "Live Conductors" warning signs to be placed along

Min 100 mm between pole and scaffolding subject to relevant Local Authority local



2.4. High Load transport under Overhead Electric Lines

Any person or company transporting a High Load (load in excess of 4.6 m high) under overhead electric lines must comply with Electrical Safety Code of Practice 2020 - Working Near Overhead and Underground Electric Lines is required to submit a Notification to Transport High Load form to the relevant Electricity Entity of the intended route and details of the high load involved. Before any person or company can transport a high load (load in excess of 4.6 m high), authorisation to travel must be received in writing from the Electricity Entity. Refer details below to contact the Electricity Entity for high load enquiries or to submit Notification to Transport High Load form:

Energex:

- **Email:** custserve@energex.com.au
- **Website:** www.energex.com.au
- **Phone:** Energex Contact Centre on 13 12 53 (8am to 5:30pm, Monday to Friday)

Ergon Energy:

- **Email:** Highload2@ergon.com.au
- **Website:** www.ergon.com.au
- **Phone:** (07) 4932 7566 (8am to 4:30pm, Monday to Friday)

2.5. Additional Details and Fact Sheets on Electricity Entity Requirements

Additional details and Fact Sheets on Electricity Entity requirements for working near overhead electric lines are located on the following internet sites

Energex: <https://www.energex.com.au/home/safety/working-near-powerlines>

Ergon Energy: <https://www.ergon.com.au/network/safety/business-safety/the-outdoor-workplace/working-near-powerlines>

3. UNDERGROUND ELECTRICAL ASSETS

3.1. Responsibilities When Working in the Vicinity of Electricity Entity Underground Electrical Assets

Everyone has a legal “Duty of Care” that must be observed when working in the vicinity of underground electrical assets which includes underground cables, conduits and other associated underground equipment. When discharging this “Duty of Care” in relation to Electricity Entity underground electrical assets, the following points must be considered:

1. It is the responsibility of the architect, consulting Engineer, developer, and principal contractor in the project planning stages to design for minimal impact and protection of Electricity Entity underground electrical assets. The Electricity Entity will provide plans on request via BYDA showing the presence of the underground electrical assets to assist at this design stage.
2. It is the constructor’s responsibility to:
 - a. Anticipate and request BYDA plans of Electricity Entity underground electrical assets for a particular location at a reasonable time before earthworks begins.
 - b. Visually locate Electricity Entity underground electrical assets by use of an electronic cable locator followed by careful non-mechanical excavation (potholing using hydrovac or hand tools) when earthworks activities may damage or interfere with Electricity Entity plant.

- c. After completion of steps (a) and (b) above, if there is a risk of the Electricity Entity underground electrical assets being damaged or its structural integrity compromised by your planned earthworks activities, contact the Electricity Entity (General Enquiries phone number – refer page 3) for further advice.

A constructor may include but not limited to designer, project manager, installer, contractor, civil contractor.

3. The alignments and boundaries contained within BYDA plans and maps will sometimes differ from present alignments and boundaries “on the ground”. Accordingly, in every case, the constructor should obtain confirmation of the actual position of Electricity Entity cables and pipelines under the roadways by non-mechanical excavation (potholing using hydrovac or hand tools) when earthworks activities may damage or interfere with Electricity Entity underground electrical assets. In no case should the constructor rely on statements of third parties in relation to the position of Electricity Entity underground electrical assets.

3.2. Conditions of Supply of Information

- Plans and details of Electricity Entity underground electrical assets provided by BYDA are only current for 4 weeks from the date of dispatch and should not be referred to after this period, if you go past this time, please re-apply to BYDA as underground services may have been updated.
- The Electricity Entity agrees to provide plans if an Electricity Entity underground electrical assets location request is made to Before You Dig Australia (BYDA) , online at <https://www.byda.com.au> or the free iPhone Application, only on the basis that at least 2 business day notice is given and the BYDA applicant agrees to the terms of this agreement.



Note that the Electricity Entity only provides information on underground electrical assets it owns. Contact the owner of any privately owned underground electrical assets for details of their assets located at site.

- The Electricity Entity retains copyright of all plans and details provided in connection to your request.
- BYDA plans or other details are provided for the use of the BYDA applicant, its servants, or agents, for the sole purpose of the applicant's responsibilities in relation to the Electricity Entity underground electrical assets and shall not be used for any other purpose.
- BYDA plans are diagrams only and indicate the presence of Electricity Entity underground electrical assets in the general vicinity of the geographical area shown. Exact ground cover and alignments cannot be given with any certainty as such levels can change over time.
- On receipt of BYDA plans and before commencing excavation work or similar activities near Electricity Entity's underground electrical assets, carefully locate this plant first to avoid damage.
- The Electricity Entity, its servants or agents shall not be liable for any loss or damage caused or occasioned by the use of plans and of details so supplied to the BYDA applicant, its servants or agents, and the BYDA applicant agrees to indemnify the Electricity Entity against any claim or demand for any such loss or damage to the BYDA applicant, its servants, or agents or to any third party.
- The constructor is responsible for all damages to the Electricity Entity underground electrical assets when work commences prior to obtaining BYDA plans, or at any time after that for failure to follow agreed instructions contained in this document or any other advice provided by the Electricity Entity.
- By undertaking any work, you acknowledge that the Electricity Entity reserves all rights to recover compensation for loss or damage to the Electricity Entity caused by interference or damage, including consequential loss and damage to its cable network, or other property.
- Be aware that some underground conduits may contain asbestos. Refer to “Code of Practice for the Management and Control of Asbestos in Workplace [NOHSC: 2018 (2005)]” for guidance.

3.3. When Working in the Vicinity of Electricity Entity Underground Electrical Assets, You Must Observe the Following Conditions

3.3.1 Records

The first step before any excavation commences is to obtain BYDA plans of Electricity Entity underground electrical assets in the vicinity of the work. For new work, records should be obtained during the planning and design stage. The records provided by BYDA must be made available to all relevant work groups on site. Where underground electrical asset information is transferred to plans for the proposed work, care must be exercised that important detail is not lost in the process.

3.3.2 Location of underground electrical assets

Examining the records is not sufficient, as reference points may change from the time of installation. Records must also be physically proven when working in close proximity to underground electrical assets. The exact location of underground electrical assets likely to be affected shall be confirmed by use of an electronic cable locator followed by careful non mechanical excavation to the level of concrete slabs or conduits. Non mechanical excavation (potholing using hydrovac or hand tools) must be used in advance of excavators. In any case, where doubt exists with respect to interpretation of cable records, contact the Electricity Entity (General Enquiries phone number - refer page 3) for further advice.

If during excavation, cables or conduits are damaged:

- call Electricity Entity (Emergencies phone number – refer page 3) to report damaged cables or conduits.
- treat cables as if alive, post a person to keep all others clear of the excavation until the Electricity Entity crew attend to make safe.

If **unknown** cables or conduits (e.g. not shown on issued BYDA plans) are located during excavation:

- call Electricity Entity (Emergencies phone number – refer page 1) to report.
- treat cables as if alive, post a person to keep all others clear of the excavation until the Electricity Entity crew attend to make safe.

If the constructor is unable to locate Electricity Entity underground electrical assets within 2.5 m of nominal plan locations, they should contact the Electricity Entity (General Enquiries phone number - refer page 3) for further advice.

3.3.3 Remote or On-Site Cable Location conducted by Electricity Entity

This service shall only be provided at Electricity Entity's discretion:

- The Electricity Entity may provide this site visit only when underground cables (33 kV or above) are present.
- Due to remote locations where external cable locator or hydro vac service providers are not readily available, Electricity Entity may attend site and assist with cable location (fees may apply for this service).
- The Electricity Entity may provide either remote over the phone or on-site cable location advice to assist in the location of Electricity Entity underground electrical assets, including how to visually locate and protect the plant when excavating.
- Where the Electricity Entity provides on-site cable location advice, any markings provided for the purpose of identifying cable location are for general guidance only, and the constructor is still responsible for non-mechanical excavation (potholing using hydrovac or hand tools) to visually locate Electricity Entity underground electrical assets.
- If the constructor is unable to locate Electricity Entity underground electrical assets within 2.5 m of nominal plan locations, they should contact Electricity Entity (General Enquiries phone number - refer page 3) to request further advice.

3.3.4 Electrical Cables

Electricity Entity cables may have warning covers e.g.:

- Clay paving bricks or tiles marked “Electricity” or similar (also unmarked)
- Concrete or PVC cover slabs
- PVC, asbestos or fibro conduit, fibre reinforced concrete, iron or steel pipe
- Concrete encased PVC or steel pipe
- Thin plastic marker tape
- Large pipes housing multiple ducts
- Multiple duct systems, including earthenware or concrete

NOTE: Some cables are known to be buried without covers.

3.3.5 Separation from Electricity Entity underground electrical assets

If location plans or visual location of Electricity Entity underground electrical assets by non-mechanical excavation (potholing using hydrovac or hand tools) reveals that the location of Electricity Entity underground electrical assets is situated where the developer or constructor plans to work, then contact the Electricity Entity (General Enquiries phone number - refer page 3) for further advice.

The developer or constructor shall ensure that minimum separation distance from Electricity underground electrical assets (refer Minimum Separation Requirements tables below) is complied with when installing, altering or repairing other underground services located in the vicinity.

If the Electricity Entity relocation or protection works are part of the agreed solution, then payment to the Electricity Entity for the cost of this work shall be the responsibility of the principal developer or constructor. The Electricity Entity will provide an estimate for work on receipt of the developer's or constructor's order number before work proceeds.

It will be necessary for the developer or constructor to provide the Electricity Entity with a written Work Method Statement for all works in the vicinity of, or involving Electricity Entity underground electrical assets. This Work Method Statement should form part of the tendering documentation and work instruction. All Work Method Statements shall be submitted to the Electricity Entity prior to the commencement of site earthworks.

Underground Services Running Parallel with Electricity Entity Electrical Assets
(Minimum Separation required in mm)

Voltage Level	Gas	Communication or TV	Water		Sanitary drainage		Storm Water
			≤DN 200	>DN200	≤DN 200	>DN 200	
LV	300 (Ergon) 250	100	500	*1000	500	1000	500
HV	(Energex)	300					

*Contact your local utility/council to obtain specific separation distances

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Underground Services Crossing Electricity Entity Electrical Assets (Minimum Separation required in mm)

Voltage Level	Gas	Communication or TV	Water	Sanitary drainage	Storm Water
LV	100	100	300	300	100
HV					

Notes:

- These clearances are each Electricity Entity's minimum requirements, additional separation may be required by the Service Owner. The greater of the separation requirements shall apply.
- Where the above tables does not list a separation requirement for a particular underground service type, the following minimum separation from electricity entity electrical assets shall apply:
 - LV = 100 mm
 - HV = 300 mm
- Compliance with these minimum separation requirements does not guarantee that issues such as Earth Potential Rise (EPR) and Low Frequency Induction (LFI) are managed, where these issues need to be managed, advice will need to be sought from an RPEQ Engineer
- All separation distances are measured from the exterior surface of the conduit / cable not centrelines or inner wall surfaces.

Additional Details and Fact Sheets on Electricity Entity Requirements

Additional details and Fact Sheets on Electricity Entity requirements for working near underground electrical assets are located on the following internet site.

Energex: <https://www.energex.com.au/home/safety/working-near-powerlines>

Ergon Energy: <https://www.ergon.com.au/network/safety/business-safety/the-outdoor-workplace/working-near-powerlines>

4. EXCAVATION

4.1. Excavating near Poles and Stay Wires

The following requirements are to be compiled with to minimise the risk of compromising the structural integrity of the Electricity Entity poles and stay foundations when excavation or trenching work is performed nearby that could result in the failure of one or more poles and grounding of supported electric lines.

- Excavation and trenching work undertaken by a person, worker or PCBU in the vicinity of poles and stay foundations shall:
- only be commenced after requirements of Section 3 have been complied with for any underground electrical assets located within the work site.
- upon completion of excavation and site earthworks do not restrict the Electricity Entity vehicle access to pole site for purpose of carrying out maintenance activities.

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- comply with exclusion zones as detailed in the Electrical Safety Code of Practice 2020 - Working Near Overhead and Underground Electric Lines.
- not be attempted:
 - within 5 m (horizontal distance) of **pole stays** where the excavation depth is greater than 250 mm before contacting the Electricity Entity to determine requirements.
 - within 5 m (horizontal distance) of Electricity Entity poles with earth leads or cables running down into the ground before contacting the Electricity Entity to determine requirements.
 - within "Do Not Disturb" zone of pole prior to a certified engineering assessment having been completed by a Registered Professional Engineer Queensland, and then reviewed and approved by the Electricity Entity before proceeding with work. Approval by the Electricity Entity shall not relieve the PCBU of its duties to perform the work in a safe and proper manner and in accordance with all applicable legislation.
 - if the soil is exceedingly wet (saturated) or there is more than minimal wind loading unless additional pole support is provided in accordance with certified engineering assessment and approved by Electricity Entity.
 - when a severe weather event is occurring or expected (e.g. severe weather warning has been issued by Bureau of Meteorology).
- be backfilled as soon as possible (within same day where pole is required to be supported) soil mechanically compacted in layers of 150 mm and all rock and vegetable material excluded from the backfill.
- be backfilled and pole stabilised before removal of additional support required by a certified engineering assessment are permitted to be removed.

The PCBU shall be responsible for arrangement and costs of required certified engineering assessments, approvals by other regulatory bodies (eg councils, Main Roads pipeline owners, telecomm owns) and installation, maintenance, and removal of associated pole support.

Pole support equipment (where required in accordance with certified engineering assessment) shall be:

- only attached and removed by persons approved by the Electricity Entity.
- used to restrain both the pole head and foot to maintain pole stability during nearby excavation work.
- set up and positioned to maximise support effectiveness and minimise impact on traffic, pedestrian, excavation and machinery at site; and maintain exclusion zone from overhead lines. If insufficient clearance exists to maintain exclusion zone to pole support equipment, arrangements may be required for de-energising the electric line.

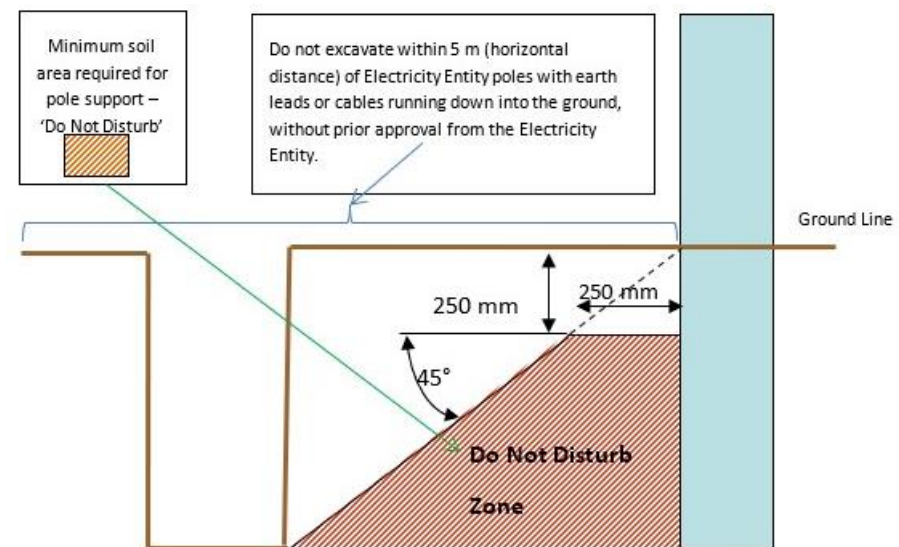


Figure 1 - Do Not Disturb Zone requirements when excavating near poles

Maximum Trench Depth	Minimum Distance from pole without pole support
Not more than 0.25 m (250 mm)	Can trench or hand dig (where cables and leads exist) right up to pole
1.0 m	1.0 m
1.5 m	1.5 m
2.0 m	2.0 m
2.5 m	2.5 m
3.0 m	3.0 m

4.1.1 Certified Engineering Assessment

Where required to be provided by the PCBU, a Certified Engineering Assessment shall:

- Ensure the stability of the Electricity Entity poles and foundations is maintained during and as a result of excavation work completed within the 'Do Not Disturb' zone.
- Include detailed design drawing of pole support method.
- Be completed and certified by a Registered Professional Engineer Queensland.
- Consider and address the following key points as a minimum:
 - Pole loading (vertical and lateral) including line deviation angles, direction of lean (towards or away from resultant loading)
 - Direction of pole lean.
 - Pole inspection (conducted to meet the Electricity Entity's requirements at customer cost)
 - Pole foundation depth
 - Proximity of excavation in relation to pole
 - Soil condition
 - Proposed shoring methods as well as installation and removal process
 - Duration and staging of work
 - Requirement to independently support pole during work
 - Proximity of existing adjacent underground services and excavations
 - Proposed backfilling and reinstatement method
 - Monitoring and engineering/ geotechnical supervision during excavation work progress
 - Other equipment attached to pole (e.g. underground cables, transformer, ACR, ABS.) must be taken into consideration and in some circumstances will prevent the pole being supported.

4.2. Excavating Near Underground Electrical Assets

For all work within 2.5 m of nominal location, the constructor is required to non-mechanical excavation (potholing using hydrovac or hand tools) and expose the underground electrical assets, hence proving its exact location before earthworks can commence.

4.2.1 Excavating Parallel to Underground Electrical Assets

If excavation work is parallel to the Electricity Entity underground electrical cables, then non mechanical excavation (potholing using hydrovac or hand tools) at least every 4 m is required to establish the location of all cables, hence confirming nominal locations before work can commence. If an excavation exceeds the depth of the cables and it is likely that the covers or bedding material around the cables/pipes will move causing Electricity Entity cables or conduits to be unsupported, contact Electricity Entity (General Enquiries phone number - refer page 3) for further advice.

NOTE: Be aware that cable depths and directions may change suddenly along the route.

4.2.2 Excavating Across Underground Electrical Assets

Refer Minimum Separation Requirements table in Section 3.3.5 of this document for distances that shall be maintained to prevent inadvertent contact with or damage to underground electrical assets. If the width or depth of excavation is such that the Electricity Entity cables will be unsupported, contact Electricity Entity (General Enquiries phone number - refer page 3) for further advice. In no case shall a cable cover be removed without approval. A cable cover may only be replaced under the supervision of an Electricity Entity officer. Protective cover strips when removed must be replaced under Electricity Entity supervision. Under no circumstances shall protective cover strips be omitted to achieve the minimum separation distance required between Electricity Entity cables and other underground services.

4.2.3 Heavy Machinery Operation Over Underground Electrical Assets

Where heavy "crawler" or "vibration" type machinery is operated over the top of cables, a minimum cover of 450 mm to the cable protective cover must be maintained. Alternatively, subject to a Certified Engineering Assessment, use load bearing protection whilst the machinery is in operation.

4.2.4 Directional Boring Near Underground Electrical Assets

When boring parallel to cables, it is essential that trial holes are carefully dug using non mechanical excavation (pot holing using hydrovac or hand tools) at regular intervals to prove the actual location of the conduits/cables before using boring machinery. Where it is required to bore across the line of cables/conduits, the actual location of the cables/conduits shall be proven by non-mechanical excavation (pot holing using hydrovac or hand tools). A trench shall be excavated 1 m from the side of the cables where the auger will approach to ensure a minimum clearance of 500 mm from cables/conduits can be maintained.

4.2.5 Hydro Vac Operation

When operating hydro vac equipment to excavate in vicinity of underground electrical assets (cables/conduits):

- Fitted with:
 - nonconductive (neoprene rubber or equivalent) vacuum (suction) hose.
 - oscillating nozzle on pressure wand with water pressure adjusted to not exceeding 2000 psi.
- Maintain a minimum distance of 200 mm between end of pressure wand and underground electrical assets. DO NOT insert the pressure wand jet directly into subsoil.
- Ensure pressure wand is not directly aimed at underground electrical assets (cables / conduits).

4.3. Blasting

Explosives must not be used within 5 m of cables/conduits, unless an engineering report is provided indicating that no damage will be sustained. Clearances shall be obtained from the Electricity Entity for use of explosives in the vicinity of cables/conduits. Contact Electricity Entity (General Enquiries phone number - refer page 3) for further advice.

The Electricity Entity will accept the level of 25 mm / sec as a peak component particle velocity upper limit as defined in AS 2187.2 Appendix J for blasting operations in the vicinity of these power lines.

Electric line insulators and conductors are particularly susceptible to damage from fly rock and adequate control measure including the use of blast mats shall be used to manage this. Contact Electricity Entity for consultation and application.

5. REPORTING DAMAGE CAUSED TO OVERHEAD OR UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC LINES

Any damage caused to the Electricity Entity overhead electric lines, poles, stays, underground cables, conduits and pipes must be reported no matter how insignificant the damage appears to be. Even very minor damage to cable protective coverings can lead to eventual failure of cables through corrosion of metal sheaths and moisture ingress.

All work in the vicinity of damaged overhead or underground electric lines shall cease and the area be made safe and vacated until clearance to continue earthworks has been obtained from the Electricity Entity. Call Electricity Entity (Emergencies phone number – refer page 3).

6. INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR ELECTRIC LINES

6.1. Easements and Wayleaves

This information, whilst not a legal document, has been developed to assist the community in answering some commonly asked questions about our easements and wayleaves, and briefly outlines what you can do where land is affected by an easement or where consent to installing electrical infrastructure has been given.

6.1.1 What is an Electricity Easement?

An electricity easement is the authority held by the Electricity Entity to use your land near overhead and underground electric lines and substations (electrical assets). Electricity Entity holds this authority for your own safety and to allow employees access to electrical assets at all times. Whilst it will depend on the terms of the particular grant of easement, electrical easements generally give the Electricity Entity the right to access, maintain, repair, rebuild and to restrict development within a defined area.

The easement, which is registered on the property's title, contains a plan showing the dimensions of the easement and its location on the property together with the rights and restrictions over the easement area. The Department of Natural Resources and Mines <https://www.resources.qld.gov.au/> or your solicitor will be able to provide this information. Easements may also exist for telephone lines, water and sewage mains and natural gas supply lines.

6.1.2 Why are easements necessary?

Easements are also created to allow the Electricity Entity clear, 24 hour access to the electric lines. It is important to keep the easement clear at all times so regular maintenance, line upgrades, damage or technical faults can be attended to immediately to provide a safe and reliable supply of electricity. Interference with Electricity Entity's rights and electrical equipment may compromise safety of the public and the occupiers of the property. Therefore, it is essential that Electricity Entity's rights are understood and observed.

6.1.3 How do I know if there are easements on my property?

Contact your solicitor or The Department of Natural Resources and Mines to obtain a Title Search that shows all registered easements on the property.

6.1.4 Who owns the land the easement is on?

The ownership of that land encumbered with the easement remains with the property owner.

6.1.5 How does an easement affect what I can do with my property?

An easement controls what you can build, what size trees you can plant and what outdoor activities you can carry out in the easement area.

An easement affects the use of the property by limiting the development that can be undertaken within the easement area. The exact rights granted to an Electricity Entity under an electricity easement will depend on the wording used in the grant of easement. Property owners and occupiers should also be aware that an Electricity Entity has the right of access to land to undertake certain works (including reading meters and disconnecting supply). These rights of access are granted by Queensland legislation not the easement and so may not be registered on the property's title and therefore may not be revealed in a Title Search.

6.1.6 Who is responsible for maintenance of easement area?

You must provide a continuous, unobstructed area along the full length of the easement to allow an Electricity Entity access to electric lines, transformers, underground cables and other equipment at all times. A width of 4.5 m is typically required for the safe passage of vehicles and heavy plant.

You must NOT place obstructions in the easement within 5 m of any electric lines, transformer, power pole, equipment or supporting wire.

Maintenance of the easement area is generally the responsibility of the property owner and/or occupier, however, complying with regulatory and safety requirements associated with Electricity Entity's electrical assets within the easement area is the responsibility of the Electricity Entity.

6.1.7 What type of maintenance work does Electricity Entity undertake on easements?

To enable Electricity Entity to construct, maintain, repair and rebuild electric lines on some properties, access roads and tracks are required on or adjacent to the easement area. As required, Electricity Entity is able to construct access tracks, retain the right of use of these tracks and maintain them to a suitable level to permit access for its vehicles. Where gates are installed within the easement area, an Electricity Entity lock may be required to enable continual access along the easement corridor.

In addition, periodic vegetation management works are also undertaken by Electricity Entity to ensure that a specified minimum clearance between vegetation and the electric lines is maintained.

Where possible, property owners will be contacted prior to easement maintenance and vegetation works commencing.

6.1.8 Where consent (Wayleave) to installing Electricity Entity infrastructure has been given

Much of Electricity Entity's above ground electricity network is constructed without easements. Instead, the consent of the owner of the affected land is obtained and the electrical infrastructure is installed. Historically this consent has been in the form of a document known as a Wayleave.

This consent (or Wayleave) is a document evidencing the agreement from a particular owner, but it is not registered on the title of the land like an easement.

Once consent is obtained from an owner, Queensland legislation (the Electricity Act 1994) says that the consent of all future owners to the electrical infrastructure is not required.

Queensland legislation grants Electricity Entity rights to access, maintain, repair and replace electrical assets installed with consent.

6.2. Contact Electricity Entity when planning construction work near electric lines

When planning and before commencement (regardless of whether or not local council approval is required), it is essential to confirm that the proposed construction work (e.g. building, structure, sign, crane, scaffold) does not breach the minimum statutory clearance distances that must be maintained from nearby Electricity Entity overhead or underground electric lines. Refer Electrical Safety Regulation 2013, Schedule 4 and 5 for information on statutory clearance distances that must be complied with.

It is extremely dangerous and potentially life threatening to allow anything to come in close proximity to the conductors of an electric line.

Where it is necessary for an Electricity Entity to relocate electric lines due to statutory clearance breach caused by construction work performed nearby, the Electricity Entity is entitled to recover costs from the PCBU, property owner or occupier who caused the breach. Refer Electrical Safety Regulation 2013, Section 209 Building or adding to structure near electric lines.

Although it is preferred that the area around Electricity Entity electrical assets (including within an Easement area) is free of development, the following examples provide property owners and occupiers with an indication of what type of development is acceptable and what is not.

NOTE: Do not assume that your local council approval is sufficient approval for you to proceed with your work. The local council may not check whether or not your proposed construction work will comply with the Electricity Entity's statutory clearance requirements

6.3. What clearances must be maintained once construction work is completed?

Electrical Safety Regulation 2013, Schedule 4 - Clearance of overhead electric lines and Schedule 5 – Clearance of low voltage overhead service lines detail the statutory clearances that must be maintained from overhead electric lines for completed buildings and structures. These statutory clearances will need to be taken into consideration during the planning phase of determining the location for a building or structure. The table below sets out the minimum statutory clearances required for voltage levels up to 33 kV. Additional requirements may apply for voltage levels above 33 kV, contact the Electricity Entity for consultation.

Where the Electricity Entity has identified a breach of statutory clearance resulting from erection of a building or structure, the statutory breach will be reportable to the Electrical Safety Office as a Dangerous Electrical Event and any costs incurred in subsequent remedial work to achieve required statutory clearances may be recovered from the person or company who caused the breach of statutory clearance.

PROCEDURE / INSTRUCTIONS

CODE	LOCATION	DIRECTION	INSULATED CABLE (ABC) (Note 1)	BARE	MORE THAN 1000 VOLTS BUT NOT MORE THAN 33kV
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MINIMUM CLEARANCE FROM ROADS, GROUND, OR BOUNDARIES

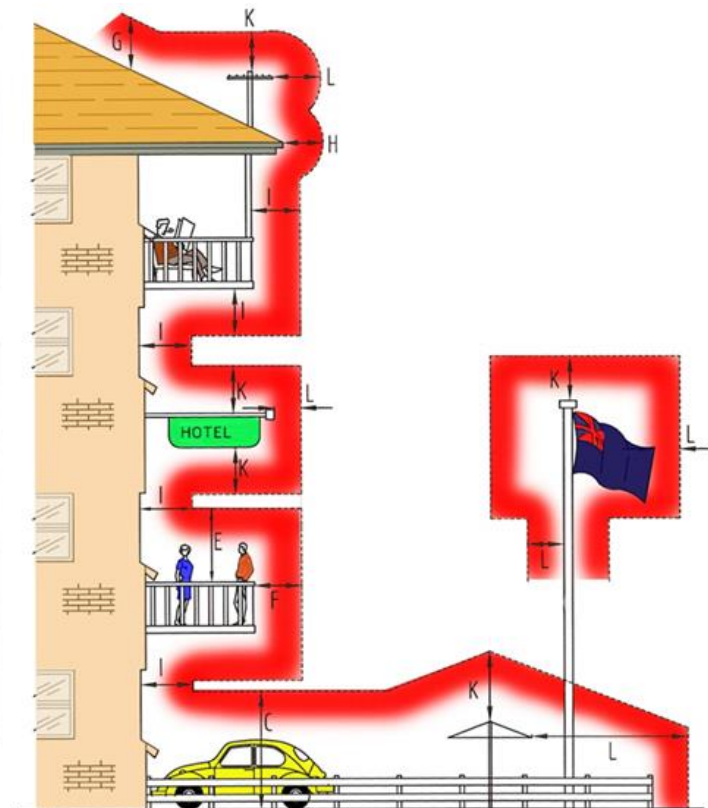
A	Crossing the carriageway, roadway	VERTICALLY	5.5m	5.5m	6.7m
A1	Designated "Over Dimension Routes"	VERTICALLY	7.0m	7.0m	7.5m
B	At other positions, footpath	VERTICALLY	5.5m	5.5m	5.5m
C	Other than roads but trafficable	VERTICALLY	5.5m	5.5m	5.5m
C1	Areas totally inaccessible to traffic or mobile machinery	VERTICALLY	4.5m	4.5m	4.5m
D	Cuttings, embankments, easement boundaries	HORIZONTALLY	1.5m	1.5m	2.1m
X	Real Property Boundaries	HORIZONTALLY	0.0m	0.0m	0.0m

MINIMUM CLEARANCE FROM STRUCTURES AND BUILDINGS

E F	Unroofed terraces, balconies, sun-decks, paved areas, etc, subject to pedestrian traffic only. A hand rail or wall surrounding such an area and on which a person may stand. (Note)	VERTICALLY AND HORIZONTALLY (Note)	2.7m 1.2m	3.7m 1.5m	4.6m 2.1m
G H	Roofs or similar structures not used for traffic or resort but on which a person may stand. A parapet surrounding such a roof and on which a person may stand. (Note)	VERTICALLY AND HORIZONTALLY (Note)	2.7m 0.9m	3.7m 1.5m	3.7m 2.1m
I	Covered places of traffic or resort such as windows which are capable of being opened, roofed open verandahs and covered balconies.	IN ANY DIRECTION	1.2m	1.5m	2.1m
J	Blank walls, windows which cannot be opened. (Note)	HORIZONTALLY	0.6m	1.5m	1.5m
K L	Other structures not normally accessible to persons. (Note)	VERTICALLY HORIZONTALLY (Note)	0.6m 0.3m	2.7m 1.5m	3.0m 1.5m

NOTE:

The vertical clearance and the horizontal clearance specified shall be maintained.



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The following list of examples is not exhaustive, and it may be necessary to contact the Electricity Entity if doubt exists as to what is permitted around electricity assets.

<i>What is PERMITTED around Electricity Entity overhead or underground electric lines</i>	<i>What is NOT PERMITTED around Electricity Entity overhead or underground electric lines</i>
✓ Erection of fences to a maximum height of 2.4 m is generally acceptable, provided they do not affect access to, and work on, the poles, electric lines and/or cables. Trees, shrubs and plants should be located clear of vehicle access. Note: Maximum Growth Height of 3 m. ✓ Clothes hoists and barbecues should be located clear of the vehicle access way. Note: Maximum Height 2.5 m. ✓ Installation of underground utility services, such as low voltage electricity, gas, telephone and water, is generally acceptable, subject to clearances from Electricity Entity poles and supporting structures, and underground electric mains. ✓ Excavating, filling and altering of nearby land may be acceptable but full details need to be provided to the Electricity Entity for assessment. ✓ Vehicles, mobile plant and equipment within the easement area need to maintain the minimum statutory clearances distances from overhead electric lines. Normal farming, grazing and other agricultural activities can be carried out. Take care when ploughing or operating mobile machinery or irrigation equipment near Electricity Entity's equipment. ✓ Parking of vehicles, trucks, trailers, etc. is normally allowed. Note: Maximum Load and Aerial Height of 4 m. Barriers of an approved design (e.g. bollards) may be required to protect poles from vehicle contact damage. Heavy vehicle or operating plant crossings may need a protective concrete cover to ensure underground cables are not damaged.	✗ Build houses, sheds, garages or other large structures. Building of roofed/ unroofed verandahs, swimming pools and pergolas are generally not acceptable. ✗ Flying kites or model aircraft within the easement. ✗ Driving fence posts or stakes into ground within easements where there is underground cabling. ✗ Storing liquids such as petrol, diesel fuel, or any flammable or combustible material that will burn. ✗ Installing lighting poles. ✗ Stockpiling soil or garbage within the easement. ✗ Planting trees in large quantities that could create a fire hazard or that grow in excess of the approved maximum height of 3 m. ✗ Storing or using explosives. ✗ Residing in or occupying any caravan or mobile home within an easement. ✗ Placing obstructions within the vicinity of any Electricity Entity assets (e.g. power pole, overhead electric line, equipment or pole stay) that impede access to or work on these assets.

6.4. What about Electric and Magnetic Fields?

The Electricity Entity operates its electric lines within the current guidelines set by the National Health and Medical Research Council for exposure to 50/60 hertz electric and magnetic fields (EMF) and is mindful of some community concern about such fields and health. Contact the Electricity Entity (General Enquiries phone number - refer page 3). Alternatively, further information can be sourced from:

Energy Networks Association (ENA) brochure - "Electric and Magnetic Fields - What We Know", January 2014

http://www.ena.asn.au/sites/default/files/emf-what-we-know-jan-2014-final_1_1.pdf

Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA) brochure - "Electricity and Health", May 2011

http://www.arpansa.gov.au/RadiationProtection/Factsheets/is_electricity.cfm

DEFINITIONS	
Term	Definition
Applicant	A person contacting or applying to the Electricity Entity for a Safety Advice.
Authorised Person	For work near an electrical line, means a person who has enough technical knowledge and experience to do work that involves being near to the electrical line; and has been approved by the person in control of the electrical line (Electricity Entity) to do work near to the electrical line.
Authorised Person (Electrical)	An Electrical Mechanic or Electrical Linesperson (holding current Queensland Licence) working on behalf of an electrical contractor and accredited with the Electricity Entity who is permitted to remove and replace LV service fuse(s) when isolation of customer LV service line is required to eliminate the exclusion zone around the LV service line, or to work on the customer's mains and / or switchboard.
Earthworks	Any digging, penetration or disturbance of ground including but not limited to post hole digging, excavating, trenching, directional boring, bore hole sinking, driving pickets/posts into ground, cut and fill, dam or levee bank construction, blasting.
Electricity Entity	Where Electricity Entity appears throughout this document, it relates to either Energex or Ergon Energy area of responsibility. Refer to respective contact details below.
Instructed Person	For an electrical line, means a person who is acting under the supervision of an Authorised Person for the electrical line.
Safety Advice	A written notice identifying the known electrical hazards at a specific site and advising the control measures required to be implemented by Responsible Person (person responsible for worksite) to reduce the likelihood of harm to person, plant or vehicle at site.
Safety Observer	A safety observer or "spotter", for the operation of operating plant, means a person who: (a) observes the operating plant; and (b) advises the operator of the operating plant if it is likely that the operating plant will come within an exclusion zone for the operating plant for an overhead electric line. This is a person who has undergone specific training and is competent to perform the role in observing, warning and communicating effectively with the operator of the operating plant.
Untrained Person	For an electrical line, means a person who is not an Authorised Person or an Instructed Person for the electrical line.

TRAINING
Staff must be current in all Statutory Training relevant for the task.

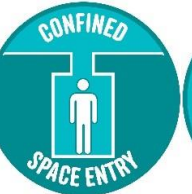
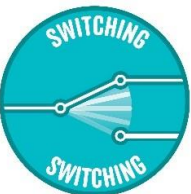
SAFETY / ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROLS

Follow the Safety Policy, procedures and practices set out for Energy Queensland and subsidiary companies.

Personnel are responsible for understanding all the risks and ensuring their individual actions do not endanger the health and safety of themselves or others.



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REFERENCES

Supporting Documents

Electrical Safety Regulation 2013: Part 5 - Overhead and Underground Electric Lines

Electrical Safety Code of Practice 2020 - Working Near Overhead and Underground Electric Lines

Work Health and Safety Act 2011

Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011

Energex documents:

- Application for Safety Advice – Working near Energex exposed live parts
- Important Notice – Working near Energex Power Lines Including Overhead Services
- Safety Advice on working near Energex exposed live parts

Ergon Energy documents:

- Safety Advice Request Form
- Safety Advice on Working around Electrical Parts Form
- Important Notice Regarding Safety Advice QRG

Copies of the relevant Acts, Regulation and Codes of Practice and any other relevant legislation can be found on the Queensland Government web site - <https://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/>

REFERENCES

Disclaimer

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Take the time to read the response carefully and note that this information is only valid for 28 days after the date of issue.

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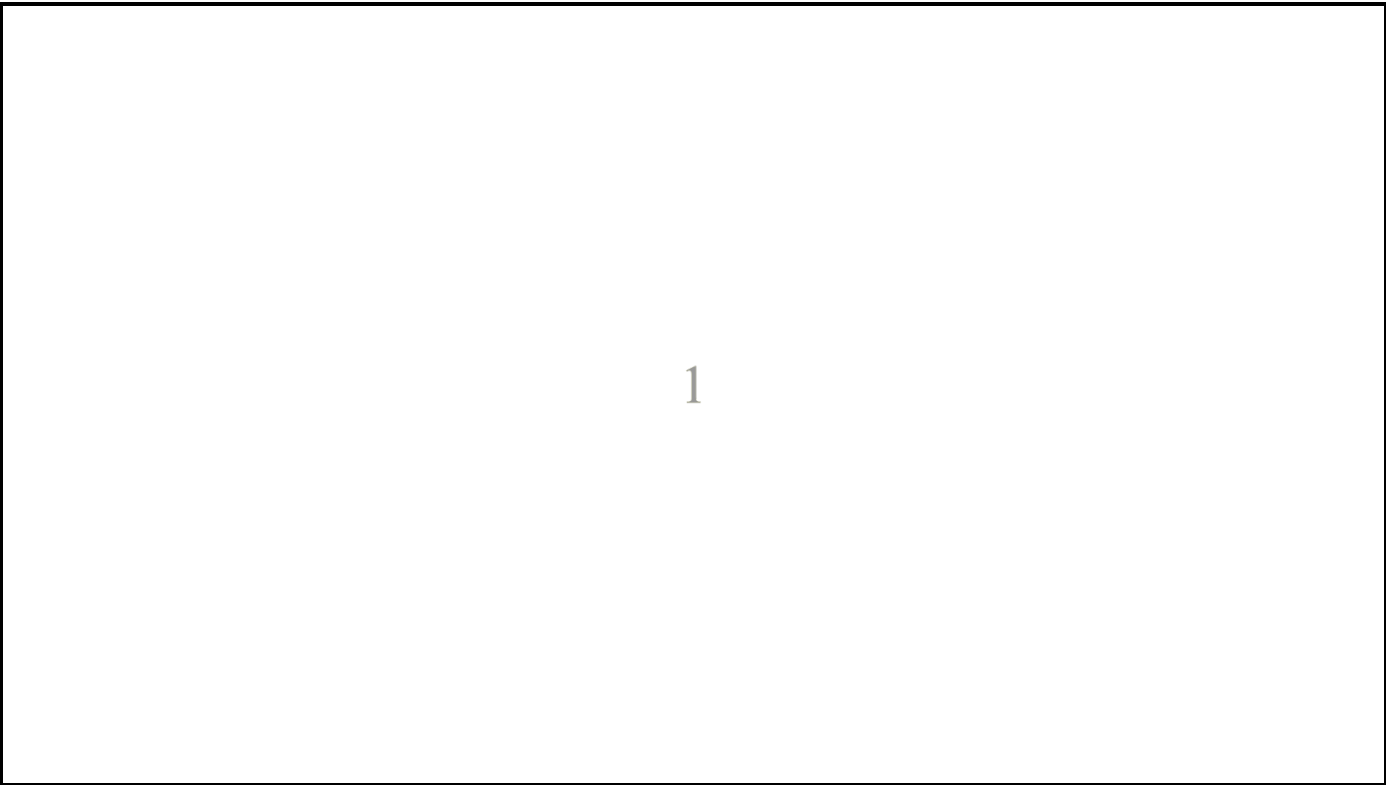
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Dial before you dig Job #:	51948990	
Sequence #	265726555	
Issue Date:	15/12/2025	
Location:	237 McManus Street , Whitfield , QLD , 4870	

Indicative Plans are tiled below to demonstrate how to layout and read nbn asset plans

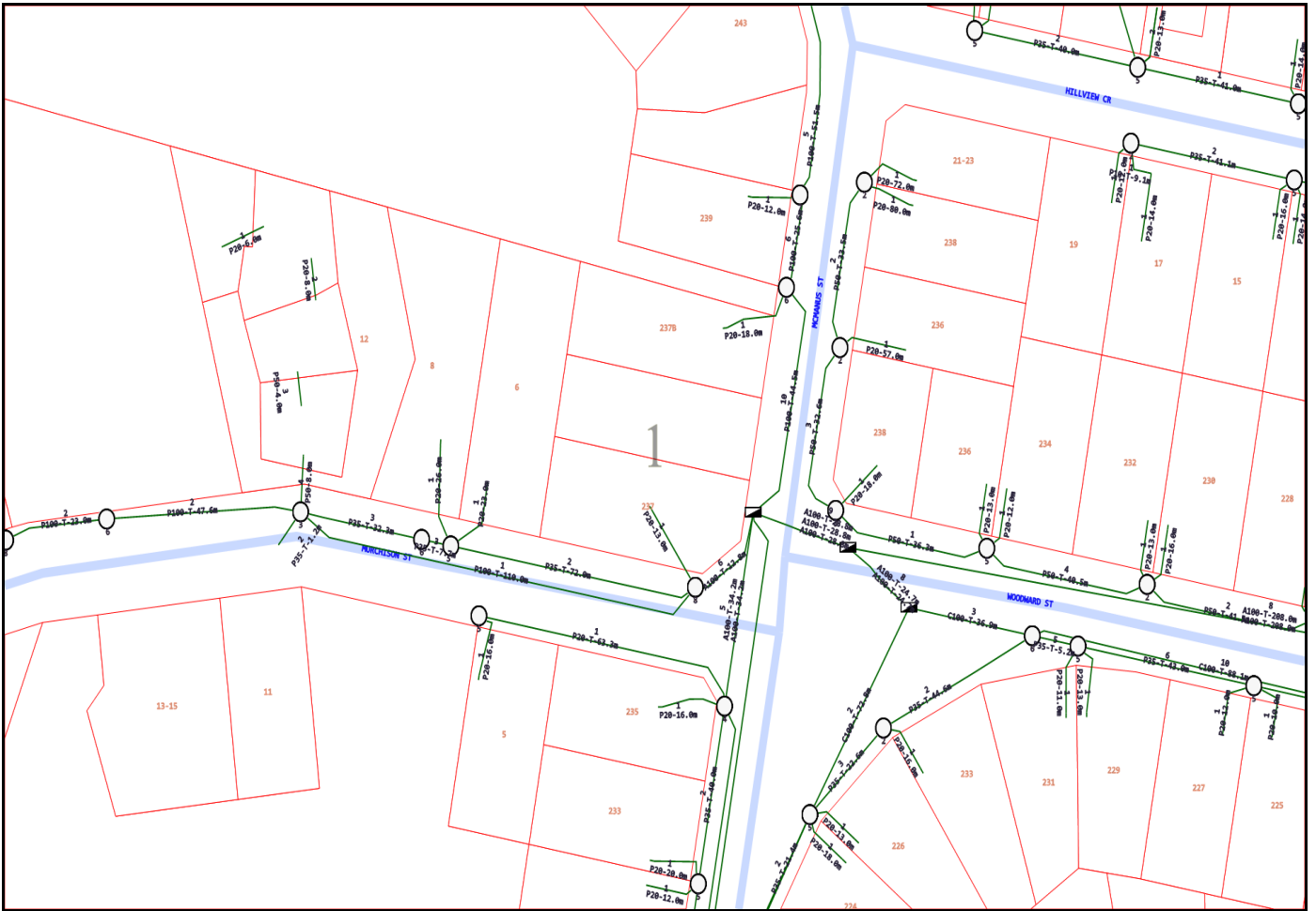




LEGEND



	Parcel and the location
	Pit with size "5"
	Power Pit with size "2E". Valid PIT Size: e.g. 2E, 5E, 6E, 8E, 9E, E, null.
	Manhole
	Pillar
	Cable count of trench is 2. One "Other size" PVC conduit (PO) owned by Telstra (-T-), between pits of sizes, "5" and "9" are 25.0m apart. One 40mm PVC conduit (P40) owned by NBN, between pits of sizes, "5" and "9" are 20.0m apart.
	2 Direct buried cables between pits of sizes, "5" and "9" are 10.0m apart.
	Trench containing any INSERVICE/CONSTRUCTED (Copper/RF/Fibre) cables.
	Trench containing only DESIGNED/PLANNED (Copper/RF/Fibre/Power) cables.
	Trench containing any INSERVICE/CONSTRUCTED (Power) cables.
	Road and the street name "Broadway ST"
Scale	0 20 40 60 Meters 1:2000 1 cm equals 20 m



Emergency Contacts

You must immediately report any damage to the **nbn™** network that you are/become aware of. Notification may be by telephone - 1800 626 329.



Working near **nbn**TM cables

nbn has partnered with Dial Before You Dig to give you a single point of contact to get information about **nbn** underground services owned by **nbn** and other utility/service providers in your area including communications, electricity, gas and other services. Contact with underground power cables and gas services can result in serious injury to the worker, and damage and costly repairs. You must familiarise yourself with all of the Referral Conditions (meaning the referral conditions referred to in the DBYD Notice provided by **nbn**).

Practice safe work habits

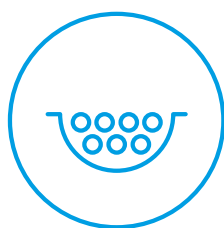
Once the DBYD plans are reviewed, the Five P's of Excavation should be adopted in conjunction with your safe work practices (which must be compliant with the relevant state Electrical Safety Act and Safe Work Australia "Excavation Work Code of Practice", as a minimum) to ensure the risk of any contact with underground **nbn** assets are minimised.



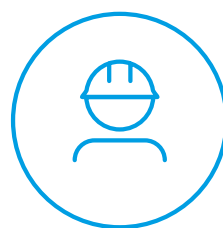
Plan: Plan your job by ensuring the plans received are current and apply to the work to be performed. Also check for any visual cues that may indicate the presence of services not covered in the DBYD plans.



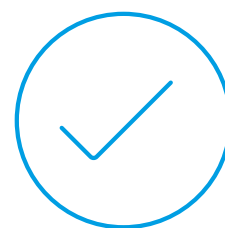
Prepare: Prepare for your job by engaging a DBYD Certified Plant Locator to help interpret plans and identify on-site assets. Contact **nbn** should you require further assistance.



Pothole: Non-destructive potholing (i.e. hand digging or hydro excavation) should be used to positively locate **nbn** underground assets with minimal risk of contact and service damage.

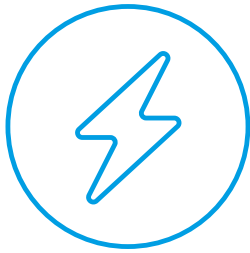


Protect: Protecting and supporting the exposed **nbn** underground asset is the responsibility of the worker. Exclusion zones for **nbn** assets are clearly stated in the plan and appropriate controls must be implemented to ensure that encroachment into the exclusion zone by machinery or activities with the potential to damage the asset is prevented.

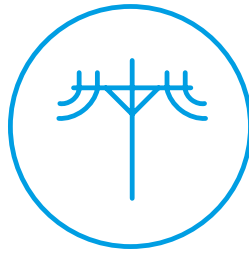


Proceed: Proceed only when the appropriate planning, preparation, potholing and protective measures are in place.

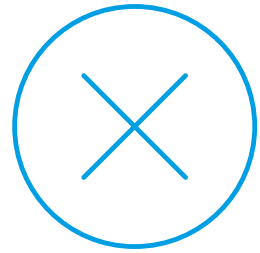
Working near **nbn**[™] cables



Identify all electrical hazards, assess the risks and establish control measures.



When using excavators and other machinery, also check the location of overhead power lines.



Workers and equipment must maintain safety exclusion zones around power lines.

Once all work is completed, the excavation should be re-instated with the same type of excavated material unless specified by **nbn**. Please note:

- Construction Partners of **nbn** may require additional controls to be in place when performing excavation activities.
- The information contained within this pamphlet must be used in conjunction with other material supplied as part of this request for information to adequately control the risk of potential asset damage.

Contact

All **nbn**[™] network facility damages must be reported online [here](#).
For enquiries related to your DBYD request please call 1800 626 329.

Disclaimer

This brochure is a guide only. It does not address all the matters you need to consider when working near our cables. You must familiarise yourself with other material provided (including the Referral Conditions) and make your own inquiries as appropriate.

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Information

The area of interest requested by you contains one or more assets.

nbn™ Assets	Search Results
Communications	Asset identified
Electricity	No assets

In this notice **nbn™ Facilities** means *underground fibre optic, telecommunications and/or power facilities, including but not limited to cables, owned and controlled by nbn™*

Location of nbn™ Underground Assets

We thank you for your enquiry. In relation to your enquiry at the above address:

- **nbn's** records indicate that there **ARE nbn™** Facilities in the vicinity of the location identified above ("Location").
- **nbn** indicative plan/s are attached with this notice ("Indicative Plans").
- The Indicative Plan/s show general depth and alignment information only and are not an exact, scale or accurate depiction of the location, depth and alignment of **nbn™** Facilities shown on the Plan/s.
- In particular, the fact that the Indicative Plans show that a facility is installed in a straight line, or at uniform depth along its length cannot be relied upon as evidence that the facility is, in fact, installed in a straight line or at uniform depth.
- You should read the Indicative Plans in conjunction with this notice and in particular, the notes below.
- You should note that, at the present time, the Indicative Plans are likely to be more accurate in showing location of fibre optics and telecommunications cables than power cables. There may be a variation between the line depicted on the Indicative Plans and the location of any power cables. As such, consistent with the notes below, particular care must be taken by you to make your own enquiries and investigations to precisely locate any power cables and manage the risk arising from such cables accordingly.
- The information contained in the Indicative Plan/s is valid for 28 days from the date of issue set out above. You are expected to make your own inquiries and perform your own investigations (including engaging appropriately qualified plant locators, e.g BYDA Certified Locators, at your cost to locate **nbn™** Facilities during any activities you carry out on site).

We thank you for your enquiry and appreciate your continued use of the Before You Dig Australia Service. For any enquiries related to moving assets or Planning and Design activities, please visit the **nbn Commercial Works** website to complete the online application form. If you are planning to excavate and require further information, please email dbyd@nbnco.com.au or call 1800 626 329.

Notes:

1. You are now aware that there are **nbn™** Facilities in the vicinity of the above property that could be damaged as a result activities carried out (or proposed to be carried out) by you in the vicinity of the Location.
2. You should have regard to section 474.6 and 474.7 of the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (CoA) which deals with the consequences of interfering or tampering with a telecommunications facility. Only persons authorised by **nbn** can interact with **nbn's** network facilities.
3. Any information provided is valid only for **28 days** from the date of issue set out above.

Referral Conditions

The following are conditions on which **nbn** provides you with the Indicative Plans. By accepting the plans, you are agreeing to these conditions. These conditions are in addition, and not in replacement of, any duties and obligations you have under applicable law.

1. **nbn** does not accept any responsibility for any inaccuracies of its plans including the Indicative Plans. You are expected to make your own inquiries and perform your own investigations (including engaging appropriately qualified plant locators, e.g BYDA Certified Locators, at your cost to locate **nbn™** Facilities during any activities you carry out on site).
2. You acknowledge that **nbn** has specifically notified you above that the Indicative Plans are likely to be more accurate in showing location of fibre optics and telecommunications cables than power cables. There may be a variation between the line depicted on the Indicative Plans and the location of any power cables.
3. You should not assume that **nbn™** Facilities follow straight lines or are installed at uniform depths

along their lengths, even if they are indicated on plans provided to you. Careful onsite investigations are essential to locate the exact position of cables.

4. In carrying out any works in the vicinity of **nbn** Facilities, you must maintain the following minimum clearances:
 - 300mm when laying assets inline, horizontally or vertically.
 - 500mm when operating vibrating equipment, for example: jackhammers or vibrating plates.
 - 1000mm when operating mechanical excavators.
 - Adherence to clearances as directed by other asset owner's instructions and take into account any uncertainty for power cables.
5. You are aware that there are inherent risks and dangers associated with carrying out work in the vicinity of underground facilities (such as **nbn**™ fibre optic, copper and coaxial cables, and power cable feed to **nbn**™ assets). Damage to underground electric cables may result in:
 - Injury from electric shock or severe burns, with the possibility of death.
 - Interruption of the electricity supply to wide areas of the city.
 - Damage to your excavating plant.
 - Responsibility for the cost of repairs.
6. You must take all reasonable precautions to avoid damaging **nbn**™ Facilities. These precautions may include but not limited to the following:
 - All excavation sites should be examined for underground cables by careful hand excavation. Cable cover slabs if present must not be disturbed. Hand excavation needs to be undertaken with extreme care to minimise the likelihood of damage to the cable, for example: the blades of hand equipment should be aligned parallel to the line of the cable rather than digging across the cable.
 - If any undisclosed underground cables are located, notify **nbn** immediately.
 - All personnel must be properly briefed, particularly those associated with the use of earth-moving equipment, trenching, boring and pneumatic equipment.
 - The safety of the public and other workers must be ensured.
 - All excavations must be undertaken in accordance with all relevant legislation and regulations.
7. You will be responsible for all damage to **nbn**™ Facilities that are connected whether directly, or indirectly with work you carry out (or work that is carried out for you or on your behalf) at the Location. This will include, without limitation, all losses expenses incurred by **nbn** as a result of any such damage.
8. You must immediately report any damage to the **nbn**™ network that you are/become aware of. Notification may be by telephone - 1800 626 329.
9. Except to the extent that liability may not be capable of lawful exclusion, **nbn** and its servants and agents and the related bodies corporate of **nbn** and their servants and agents shall be under no liability whatsoever to any person for any loss or damage (including indirect or consequential loss or damage) however caused (including, without limitation, breach of contract negligence and/or breach of statute) which may be suffered or incurred from or in connection with this information sheet or any plans (including Indicative Plans) attached hereto. Except as expressly provided to the contrary in this information sheet or the attached plans (including Indicative Plans), all terms, conditions, warranties, undertakings or representations (whether expressed or implied) are excluded to the fullest extent permitted by law.

All works undertaken shall be in accordance with all relevant legislations, acts and regulations applicable to the particular state or territory of the Location. The following table lists all relevant documents that shall be considered and adhered to.

State/Territory	Documents
National	Work Health and Safety Act 2011
	Work Health and Safety Regulations 2011
	Safe Work Australia - Working in the Vicinity of Overhead and Underground Electric Lines (Draft)

	Occupational Health and Safety Act 1991
NSW	Electricity Supply Act 1995
	Work Cover NSW - Work Near Underground Assets Guide
	Work Cover NSW - Excavation Work: Code of Practice
VIC	Electricity Safety Act 1998
	Electricity Safety (Network Asset) Regulations 1999
QLD	Electrical Safety Act 2002
	Code of Practice for Working Near Exposed Live Parts
SA	Electricity Act 1996
TAS	Tasmanian Electricity Supply Industry Act 1995
WA	Electricity Act 1945
	Electricity Regulations 1947
NT	Electricity Reform Act 2005
	Electricity Reform (Safety and Technical) Regulations 2005
ACT	Electricity Act 1971

Thank You,

nbn BYDA

Date: 15/12/2025

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Referral

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Member Phone

1800 653 935

Responses from this member

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Attention: Charlotte Whitham

Site Location: 237 McManus Street, Whitfield, QLD 4870

Your Job Reference: 19485

Please do not reply to this email, this is an automated message -

Thank you for requesting Telstra information via Before You Dig Australia (BYDA). This response contains Telstra Information relating to your recent request.

 Accredited Plant Locator	General Contact Information including applications required to view Cable Plans - DWF & PDF
 Telstra Duty of Care v33.0a	Your responsibility and Legal requirements working near Telstra's Assets
 Telstra Map Legend v4_0c	Common Symbols on Cable Plans and Safe Clearance distances when working near Telstra Assets

Please note:

When working in the vicinity of telecommunications plant you have a 'Duty of Care' that must be observed.

Ensure you read all documents (attached) - they contain important information.

In particular please read and familiarise yourself with the Before you Dig Australia - BEST PRACTISE GUIDES and The five Ps of safe excavation <https://www.byda.com.au/before-you-dig/best-practice-guides/>, as these documents set out the essential steps that must be undertaken prior to commencing construction activities.

 Best practice guides and the five P's of safe excavation	These are the essential steps to be undertaken prior to commencing construction activities	Essential Steps : Link 5 P's: Link
	We highly recommend using certified locators where possible.	CERTLOC : Link
 1800 653 935 Telstra Plan Services	Whenever in doubt please contact this number for Telstra BYDA map related enquiries email Telstra.Plans@team.telstra.com	Note: that Telstra plans are only valid for 60 days from the date of issue
 How to Report Damage to Telstra Equipment	If you think you have damaged Telstra Assets, please Report it ASAP.	Call: 13 22 03 Report Online: Link

	It is a criminal offence under the 'Criminal code act 1995' to tamper or interfere with Telecommunications infrastructure. Telstra will take action to recover compensation for the damage caused to property and assets, and for interference with the operation of Telstra's networks and customer service.
	Telstra plans contain confidential information and are provided on the basis that they are used solely for identifying location or vicinity of Telstra's infrastructure to avoid damage to this infrastructure occurring as part of any digging or other excavation activity. You must not use Telstra's plans for any other purpose or in a way that will cause loss or damage. You must comply with any other terms of access to the data that have been provided by you by Telstra (including conditions of use or access).

WARNING - MAJOR CABLES and/or OPTIC FIBRE IN THE AREA.

Phone 1800 653 935 for further assistance.

Note: In some areas Telstra fibre routes may be marked as "Amcom", as Telstra has purchased much of this infrastructure. If in doubt, please contact Telstra Plan services on the number above. Telstra plans and information are only valid for 60 days from the date of issue.

WARNING:

Telstra plans and location information conform to Quality Level 'D' of the Australian Standard AS 5488 - Classification of Subsurface Utility Information. As such, Telstra supplied location information is indicative only. Spatial accuracy is not applicable to Quality Level D. Refer to AS 5488 for further details. The exact position of Telstra assets can only be validated by physically exposing them. Telstra does not warrant or hold out that its plans are accurate and accepts no responsibility for any inaccuracy. Further on site investigation is required to validate the exact location of Telstra assets prior to commencing work. A Certified Locating Organisation is an essential part of the process to validate the exact location of Telstra assets and to ensure the assets are protected during construction works. See the **Before You Dig Australia - BEST PRACTISE GUIDES and The five Ps of safe excavation**
<https://www.byda.com.au/before-you-dig/best-practice-guides/>.

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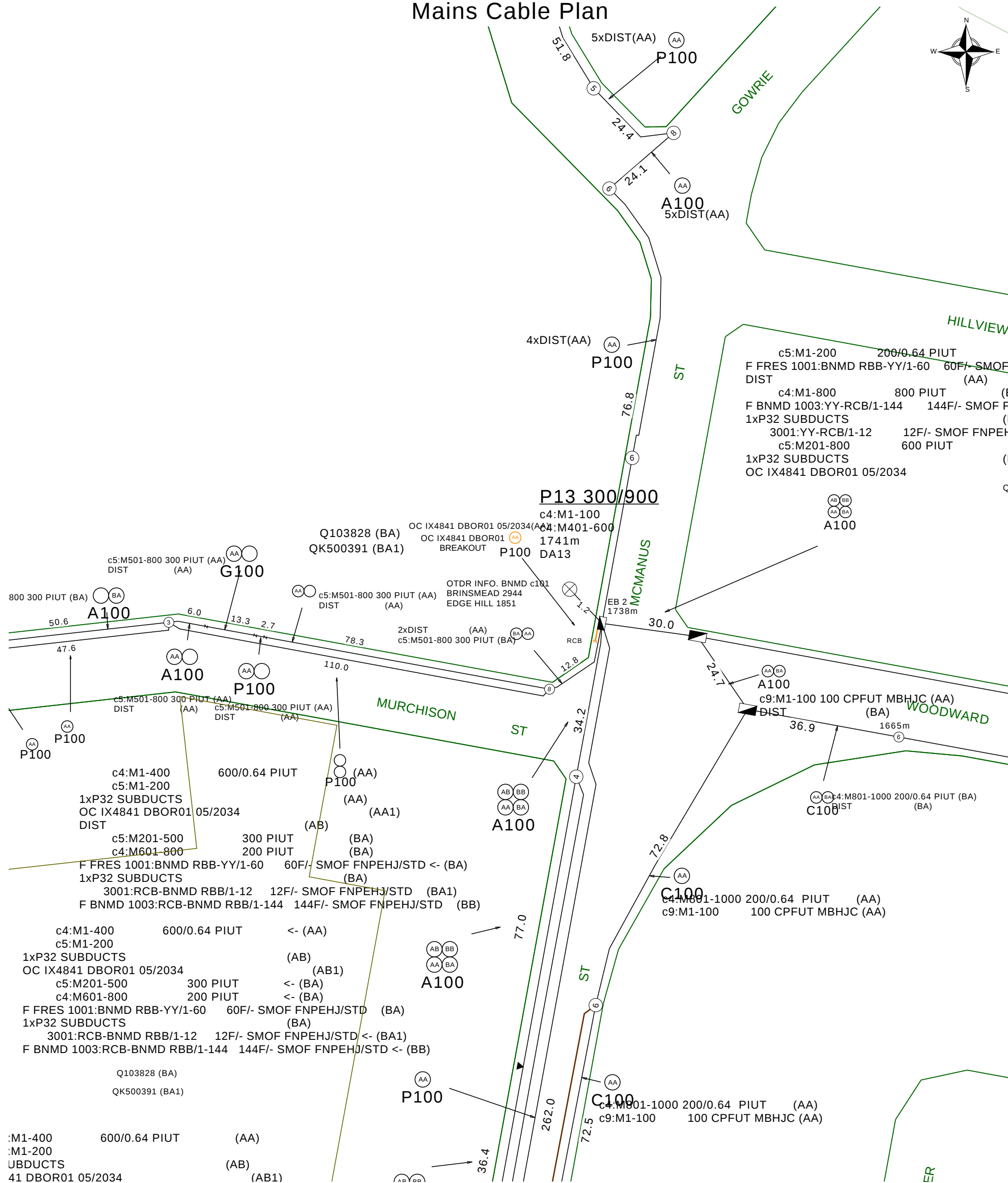
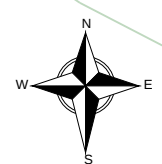
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Mains Cable Plan



Report Damage: <https://service.telstra.com.au/customer/general/forms/report-damage-to-telstra-r>
Ph - 13 22 03
Email - Telstra.Plans@team.telstra.com
Planned Services - ph 1800 653 935 (AEST bus hrs only) General Enquiries

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CAUTION: Fibre optic and/ or major network present in plot area. Please read the Duty of Care and contact Telstra Plan Services should you require any assistance.

The above plan must be viewed in conjunction with the Mains Cable Plan on the following page

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See the Steps- Telstra Duty of Care that was provided in the email response.

General Information



We highly recommend using Certified Locators where possible.



For more info contact a [CERTLOC Certified Locating Organisation \(CLO\)](#) or Telstra Location Intelligence Team 1800 653 935

Before you Dig Australia – BEST PRACTISE GUIDES
<https://www.byda.com.au/before-you-dig/best-practice-guides/>

OPENING ELECTRONIC MAP ATTACHMENTS –

Telstra Cable Plans are generated automatically in either PDF or DWF file types.
Dependent on the site address and the size of area selected.
You may need to download and install free viewing software from the internet e.g.



DWF Map Files (all sizes over A3)
Autodesk Viewer (Internet Browser) <https://viewer.autodesk.com/> or
Autodesk Design Review <http://usa.autodesk.com/design-review/> for DWF files.
(Windows PC)



PDF Map Files (max size A3)
Adobe Acrobat Reader <http://get.adobe.com/reader/>



Telstra New Connections / Disconnections
13 22 00



Telstra Protection & Relocation: 1800 810 443 (AEST business hours only).
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Telstra Protection & Relocation Fact Sheet: [Link](#)
Telstra Protection & Relocation Home Page [Link](#)



Telstra Aerial Assets Group (overhead network)
1800 047 909

Protect our Network:

by maintaining the following distances from our assets:

- 1.0m Mechanical Excavators, Farm Ploughing, Tree Removal
- 500mm Vibrating Plate or Wacker Packer Compactor
- 600mm Heavy Vehicle Traffic (over 3 tonnes) not to be driven across Telstra ducts or plant.
- 1.0m Jackhammers/Pneumatic Breakers
- 2.0m Boring Equipment (in-line, horizontal and vertical

Before You Dig Australia

Think before you dig

This document has been sent to you because you requested plans of the Telstra network through Before You Dig Australia (BYDA).

If you are working or excavating near telecommunications cables, or there is a chance that cables are located near your site, you are responsible to avoid causing damage to the Telstra network.

Please read this document carefully. Taking your time now and following the BYDA's Best Practices and 5 Ps of Safe Excavation <https://www.byda.com.au/before-you-dig/best-practice-guides/>

can help you avoid damaging our network, interrupting services, and potentially incurring civil and criminal penalties.

Our network is complex and working near it requires expert knowledge. Do not attempt these activities if you are not qualified to do so.



Disclaimer and legal details

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It is a criminal offence under the Criminal Code Act 1995 (Cth) to tamper or interfere with telecommunications infrastructure.

Telstra will also take action to recover costs and damages from persons who damage assets or interfere with the operation of Telstra's networks.

By receiving this information including the indicative plans that are provided as part of this information package you confirm that you understand and accept the risks of working near Telstra's network and the importance of taking all the necessary steps to confirm the presence, alignments and various depths of Telstra's network. This in addition to, and not in replacement of, any duties and obligations you have under applicable law.

When working in the vicinity of a telecommunications plant you have a "Duty of Care" that must be observed. Please read and understand all the information and disclaimers provided below.

The Telstra network is complex and requires expert knowledge to interpret information, to identify and locate components, to pothole underground assets for validation and to safely work around assets without causing damage. If you are not an expert and/or qualified in these areas, then you must not attempt these activities. Telstra will seek compensation for damages caused to its property and losses caused to Telstra and its customers. Construction activities and/or any activities that potentially may impact on Telstra's assets must not commence without first undertaking these steps. Construction activities can include anything that involves breaking ground, potentially affecting Telstra assets.

If you are designing a project, it is recommended that you also undertake these steps to validate underground assets prior to committing to your design.

This Notice has been provided as a guide only and may not provide you with all the information that is required for you to determine what assets are on or near your site of interest. You will also need to collate and understand all information received from other Utilities and understand that some Utilities are not a part of the BYDA program and make your own enquiries as appropriate. It is the responsibility of the entities arranging for the works to be performed, supervising the works, and undertaking the works to protect Telstra network during excavation / construction works.

Telstra owns and retains the copyright in all plans and details provided in conjunction with the applicant's request. The applicant is authorised to use the plans and details only for the purpose indicated in the applicant's request. The applicant must not use the plans or details for any other purpose.

Telstra plans or other details are provided only for the use of the applicant, its servants, agents, or CERTLOC Certified Locating Organisation (CLO). The applicant must not give the plans or details to any parties other than these and must not generate profit from commercialising the plans or details. If the Applicant is aware of another party or parties about to perform or performing works at the location, it should ensure that the other party or parties have lodged a BYDA enquiry and obtained plans for that location. If you are undertaking excavations works you must follow the 5Ps of Safe Excavation. The 5 Ps of Safe Excavation are set out in the video in the below link.

<https://www.byda.com.au/education/resources/>

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Please ensure Telstra plans and information provided always remains on-site throughout the inspection, location, and construction phase of any works.

Telstra plans are valid for 60 days after issue and must be replaced if required after the 60 days.

Data Extraction Fees

In some instances, a data extraction fee may be applicable for the supply of Telstra information. Typically, a data extraction fee may apply to large projects, planning and design requests or requests to be supplied in non-standard formats. For further details contact Telstra Location Intelligence Team.

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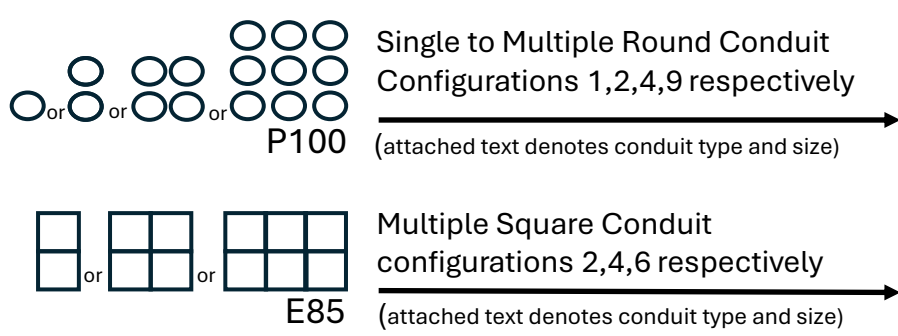
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	Leadin terminates at a Customer Address		Cable Jointing Pit Number / Letter indicating Pit type/size
	Exchange Major Cable Present		Elevated Joint (above ground joint on buried cable)
	Pillar / Cabinet Above ground Free Standing		Telstra Plant in shared Utility trench
	Above ground Complex Equipment Please note: Powered by 240v electricity		Aerial cable / or cable on wall
OC	Other Carrier Telecommunication Cable/ Asset. Not Telstra Owned		Aerial cable (attached to joint use Pole e.g., Power Pole)
DIST	Distribution cables in Main Cable Ducts		Marker Post Installed
MC	Main Cable ducts on a Distribution Plan		Buried Transponder
	Blocked or Damaged Duct		Marker Post & Transponder
	Footway Access Chamber (can vary between 1-lid to 12-lid)		Optical Fibre Cable Direct Buried
	NBN Pillar		Direct Buried Cable
	Third Party Owned Network Non-Telstra		nbn owned network



Some examples of conduit type and size:

A - Asbestos cement, P - PVC / Plastic, C - Concrete, GI - Galvanised Iron, E - Earthenware

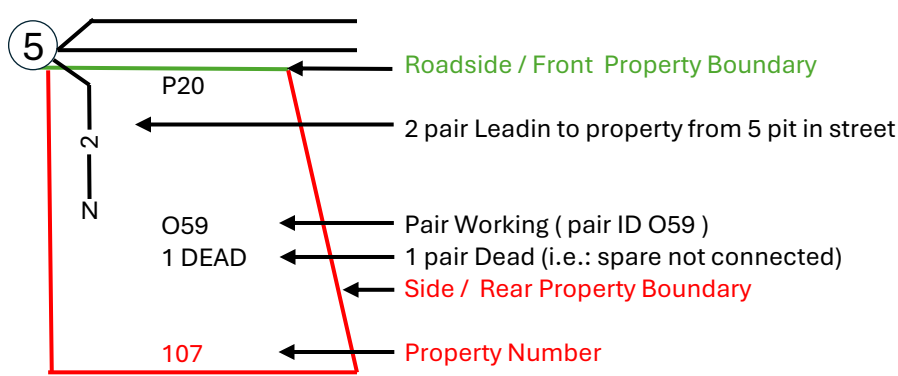
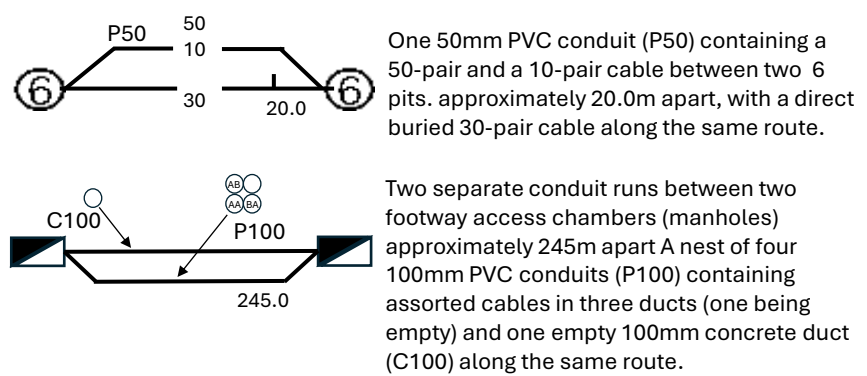
Conduit sizes nominally range from 20mm to 100mm

P50 50mm PVC conduit

P100 100mm PVC conduit

A100 100mm asbestos cement conduit

Some Examples of how to read Telstra Plans



The 5 Ps of Safe Excavation

<https://www.byda.com.au/before-you-dig/best-practice-guides/>

Plan	Prepare	Pothole	Protect	Proceed
Plan your job. Use the BYDA service at least one day before your job is due to begin, and ensure you have the correct plans and information required to carry out a safe project.	Prepare by communicating with asset owners if you need assistance. Look for clues onsite. Engage a Certified Locator.	Potholing is physically sighting the asset by hand digging or hydro vacuum extraction.	Protecting and supporting the exposed infrastructure is the responsibility of the excavator. Always erect safety barriers in areas of risk and enforce exclusion zones.	Only proceed with your excavation work after planning, preparing, potholing (unless prohibited), and having protective measures in place.

Referral

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Member Phone

1800 786 306

Responses from this member

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Request: 265726558 Enquirer: Miller Harris Lawyers - 3646248 Contact: Charlotte Whitham Email: charlottewhitham@millerharris.com.au Phone: +61740369700 Address: Level 1 14-16 McLeod Street Cairns QLD 4870 Site Address: 237 McManus Street Whitfield QLD 4870 Activity: Conveyancing Job Number: 51948990

Date: 15/12/2025

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Dear Charlotte Whitham

The following is our response on behalf of each of the TPG carriers (listed below) to your Before You Dig Australia enquiry – Sequence 265726558

It is provided to you on a confidential basis under the following conditions and must be shredded or securely disposed of after use.

Assets Affected: 237 McManus Street Whitfield

Carriers (each a “TPG carrier”) and assets affected:

PIPE Networks

Location:

According to our records, the underground assets in the vicinity of the location stated in your enquiry are **AFFECTED**. Please read the below information and disclaimers in addition to the any attached plans provided prior to any construction activities.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- The information provided is valid for 30 days from the date of this response. If your work site area changes or your construction activity is beyond 30 days please contact Before You Dig Australia on 1100 or www.1100.com.au to re-submit a new enquiry.
- Due to the nature of underground assets and the age of some assets and records, our plans are indicative of the general location only and may not show all assets in the location. You should not solely rely on these plans when undertaking construction works. It is also inaccurate to assume depth or that underground network conduit and cables follow straight lines, and careful on-site investigations are essential to locate an asset's exact position prior to excavation. It is your responsibility to locate and confirm the exact location of our infrastructure using non-destructive techniques. We make no warranty or guarantee that our plans are complete, current or error free, and to the maximum extent permitted by law we exclude all liability to you, your employees, agents and contractors for any loss, damage or claim arising out of or in connection with using our plans.
- Please note that some of our conduits carry electrical cables and gas pipes. Please exercise extreme care when working within the vicinity of these conduit and take into account the minimum clearance distances under Duty Of Care below.
- You (and your employee and contractors) must not open, move, interfere, alter or relocate any of our assets without our prior approval.
- **Note** It is a criminal offence under the *Criminal Code Act 1995 (Cth)* to tamper or interfere with communication facilities owned by a carrier. Heavy penalties may apply for breach of this prohibition, and any damages suffered, or costs incurred by us as a result of such unauthorised works may be claimed against you.

DAMAGE

- You must report immediately any damage to our network on **1800 786 306** (24hrs). We will hold you liable and seek compensation for any loss or damage to our network, our property and our customers that is caused by or arises out of your activities.

DUTY OF CARE

You have a duty of care to carefully locate, validate and protect our assets when carrying out works near our infrastructure. For construction activities that may impact on or interfere with our network, you will need to call us on **1800 786 306** to discuss a suitable engineering solution, lead time and cost involved. The below precautions must be taken when working in the vicinity of our network:

- Contact us on **1800 786 306** to discuss and obtain relevant information and plans on our infrastructure in a particular location if the information provided in this response is insufficient.
- Physically locate and mark on-site our network infrastructure using non-destructive techniques i.e. pot holing or hand digging every 5 metres prior to commencing any construction activities. Assets located must be marked to AS5488 standard. **NO CONSTRUCTION WORK IS ALLOWED UNTIL THIS STEP IS COMPLETED.** You must use an approved telecommunications accredited locator, or we can provide a locator for you at your expense. If we provide you with a locator, and this locator attended the site and is proven to be grossly negligent in physically locating and marking our infrastructure, then to the extent any TPG carrier is liable for this locator's negligence, acts and omissions, the total liability aggregated for all TPG carriers is limited, at our option, to attend the site and re-mark the infrastructure or to pay for a third party to re-mark the infrastructure.
- If you require us to locate or monitor our infrastructure, please allow five business days' notice for us to respond.
- Ensure all information, including our network requirements and any associated plans provided by us are kept confidential and remain on-site throughout your construction works.

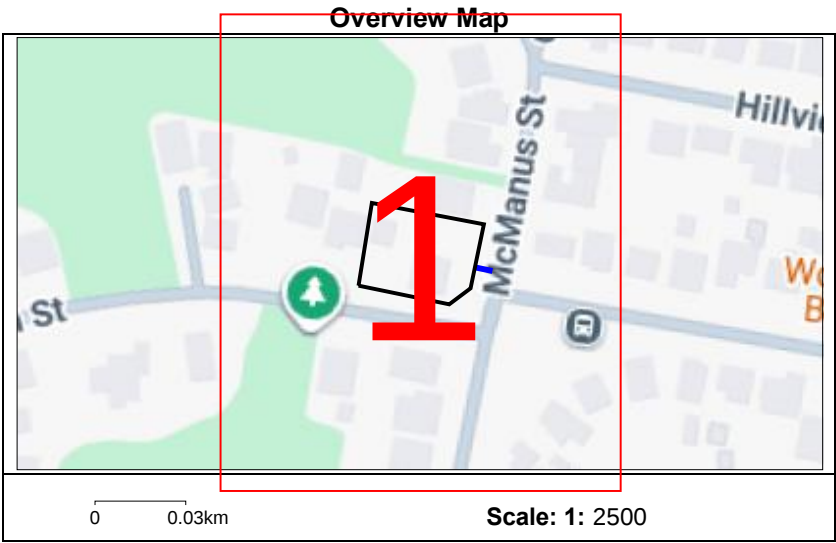
- Use suitably qualified and supervised professionals, particularly if you are working near assets that contain electricity cables or gas pipes.
- Ensure the below minimum clearance distances between the construction activities and the actual location of our assets are met. If you need clearance distances for our above ground assets, or if the below distances cannot be met, call **1800 786 306** to discuss.

Minimum assets clearance distances.

- 300mm when laying asset inline, horizontal or vertical.
 - 1000mm when operating vibrating equipment. Eg: vibrating plates. No vibrating equipment on top of asset.
 - 1000mm when operating mechanical excavators or jackhammers/pneumatic breakers.
 - 2000mm when performing directional bore in-line, horizontal and vertical.
 - No heavy vehicle over 3 tonnes to be driven over asset with less than 600mm of cover.
- Reinstate exposed TPG network infrastructure back to original state.

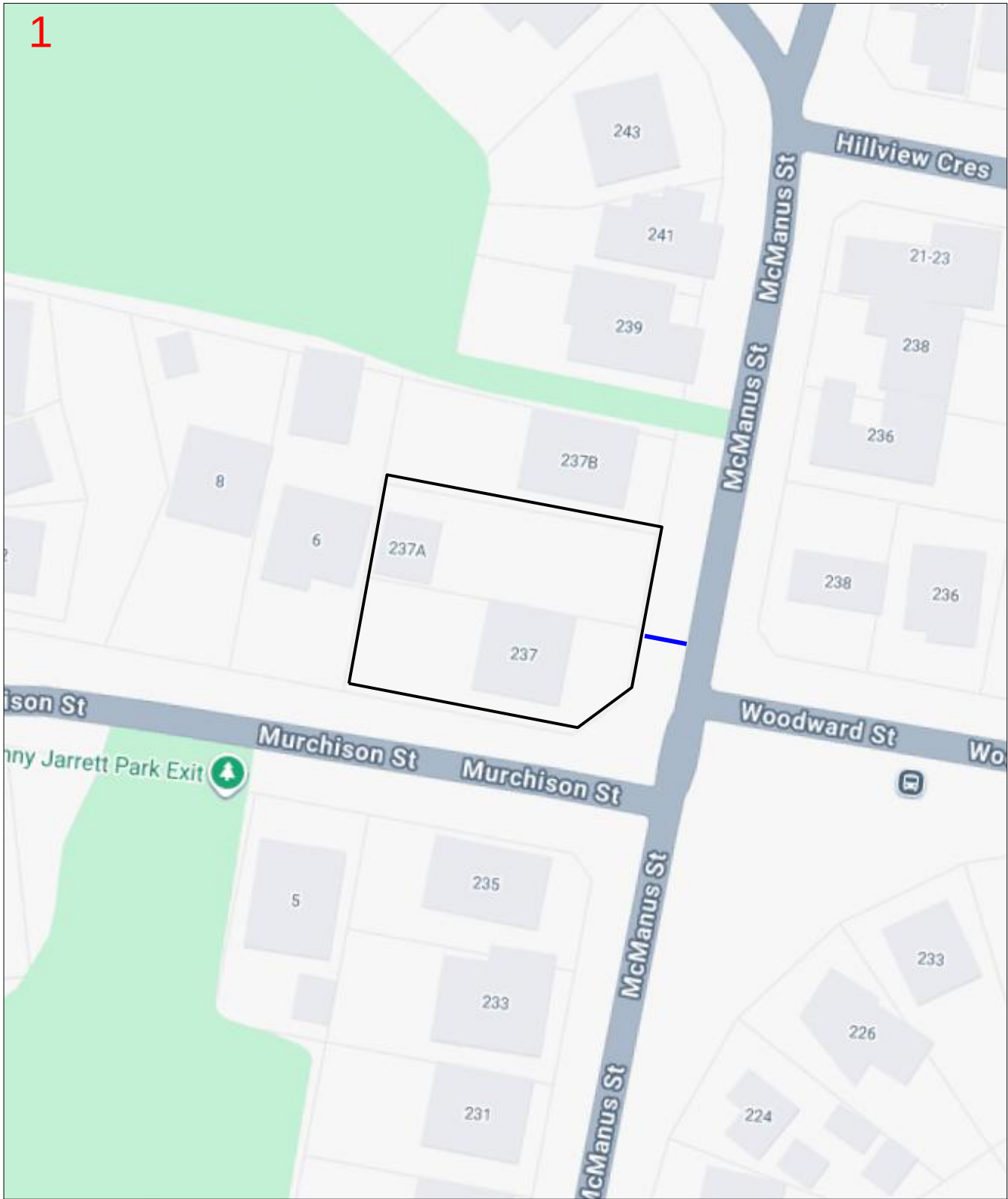
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BYDA Work Area



- AAPT/PowerTel Pit
- AAPT/PowerTel Duct
- DDA Pit
- DDA Duct
- Agile/Adam Pit
- Agile/Adam Duct

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- TransACT Pit
- TransACT Duct
- SOUL Pattinson Telecoms Pit
- SOUL Pattinson Telecoms Duct
- PIPE Networks Pit
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