



TO: Customers, Accredited Service Providers and Ausgrid Staff.

Amending Network Standard NS179, Vegetation Management

Summary:

To define Ausgrid's requirements regarding management of vegetation in the vicinity of Ausgrid's network assets.

Specifically, for low voltage overhead mains in non-bushfire prone areas this document contains Ausgrid's requirements for addressing vegetation management near these assets in a manner which balances network risk and community expectations with an aim to minimise vegetation cutting wherever the vegetation risk can be managed to a level that is as low as reasonably practicable.

This document contains the requirements regarding vegetation management associated with Ausgrid's Network Assets.

It addresses Ausgrid's particular requirements for vegetation management near low voltage overhead mains assets in non-bushfire prone areas to provide vegetation clearances other than the specific clearance requirements recommended in ISSC3 – 2016 Schedule 1, but consistent with ISSC3 – 2016 Schedule 2. Ausgrid recognises that vegetation is a community asset and aims to minimise vegetation cutting wherever the vegetation risk can be managed to a level that is as low as reasonably practicable.

It applies to all persons with responsibility for cutting vegetation from the vicinity of Ausgrid's network assets including Ausgrid employees, Contractors and Accredited Service Providers.

This Network Standard does not address safe working requirements for vegetation clearance work. Safe working requirements are addressed in legislation, Ausgrid's Electrical Safety Rules and WorkCover Guides and Codes.

The document has undergone a full review (major changes) of its content.

No grey shading in the document for details of modifications.

The document review date has been updated to 15/01/2023.

NSs, NSAs and other technical documents are available on Balin.

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