



**Network Standard
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TO: Customers, Accredited Service Providers and Ausgrid Staff.

Amending Network Standard NS181, Approval of Materials & Equipment and Network Standard Variations

Summary:

To define Ausgrid's requirements regarding:

- the inclusion of materials and equipment, sourced through Ausgrid's procurement processes, in Ausgrid's Approved Material List (AML),
- assessment and approval of Alternative materials and equipment items for inclusion in Ausgrid's AML, and
- assessment and approval of Network Standards Variations.

This Standard applies to Ausgrid non-contestable, contestable and outsourced, design and construction projects. All materials and equipment used in the construction of infrastructure which ultimately forms part of Ausgrid's electrical network must be approved. For non-contestable projects, materials and equipment shall be obtained via Ausgrid's official procurement systems (e.g. through Ausgrid Stores) and the use of Alternative materials and equipment is not permitted without approval from the respective Network Standard owner. For contestable projects, only materials and equipment detailed in the AML may be used. For outsourced projects, materials and equipment shall be as detailed in the AML or as otherwise evaluated and approved under the commercial agreement of the specific project as discussed in this document. Ausgrid will add and remove materials and equipment to/from the AML in accordance with this document.

The document has undergone a full review of its content and contains the following amendments:

- Section 2 – Scope
- Section 4 – Approval Materials List & Ausgrid Procurement Processes
- Section 5 – Approval of Network Standard Variations

Other minor changes have been made, other than those itemised. Refer to grey shading in the document for details of modifications.

The document review date has been updated to 05/02/2023.

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

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