

Utilities (Management of Electricity Network Assets Code) Determination 2013

Disallowable instrument DI2013–222

made under the

Utilities Act 2000, section 65 (application of industry code provisions)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Purpose of the Code

The Management of Electricity Network Assets Code (this Code) requires electricity distributors to protect integrity and reliability of the electricity network and to ensure the safe management of the electricity network without injury to any person or damage to property and the environment.

Legislative Provisions

This Code is a technical code under part 5 of the *Utilities Act 2000* (the Act). The Act provides a regulatory framework for the utility licence holders in the Australian Capital Territory. Part 5 of the Act sets out technical regulation. According to section 65 in part 5 of the Act, provisions for making technical codes apply provisions of part 4 of the Act for industry codes with relevant variations.

Revocation and Determination

This Disallowable Instrument revokes the Utilities (Management of Electricity Network Assets Code) Determination 2000 and determines the Utilities (Management of Electricity Network Assets Code) Determination 2013. The Utilities (Management of Electricity Network Assets Code) Determination 2013 updates the relevant standards and guidelines and introduces the Electricity Network Safety Management System in accordance with the new Australian Standard 5577 Electricity Network Safety Management System.

Outline

This Code provides the requirements for safe network asset management, including maintaining a database, setting up the Electricity Network Safety Management System in accordance with Australian Standard 5577 and publishing the Electrical Safety Rules. As part of Electricity Network Safety Management System, the electricity distributor is required to create the Electricity Safety Plan complied with Energy Networks Association published document 001 National Electricity Network Safety Code. The Electricity Safety Plan includes measurements to ensure safety of the public and persons working on the network as well as the protection of the environment and public property.