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## Part 1 Preliminary

### 1 Name of regulation

This regulation is the *Utility Networks (Public Safety) Regulation 2001*.

### 3 Dictionary

The dictionary at the end of this regulation is part of this regulation.

*Note 1* The dictionary at the end of this regulation defines certain terms used in this regulation.

*Note 2* A definition in the dictionary applies to the entire regulation unless the definition, or another provision of the regulation, provides otherwise or the contrary intention otherwise appears (see [Legislation Act](#), s 155 and s 156 (1)).

### 4 Notes

A note included in this regulation is explanatory and is not part of this regulation.

*Note* See the [Legislation Act](#), s 127 (1), (4) and (5) for the legal status of notes.



## Part 2                      General

### 5                      Application

- (1) This regulation does not apply to a thing done by a person in relation to a network facility in accordance with the written authorisation of the responsible utility.
- (2) This regulation does not apply to a thing done by a person in relation to a network facility in the course of the person's employment or engagement by the responsible utility.

### 6                      Authorisation by utility

- (1) An application for authorisation mentioned in section 5 may be made to the responsible utility—
  - (a) orally or in writing; or
  - (b) if acceptable to the utility—by telephone, fax or other electronic means.
- (2) An authorisation is subject to any condition stated in the authorisation.

### 7                      Evidence of authorisation

In a proceeding for an offence against this regulation, a certificate that appears to be signed by or on behalf of a utility and contains a statement to the effect that—

- (a) a stated thing was done by a stated person in accordance with an authorisation by the utility under section 6; or
- (b) an authorisation by the utility under section 6 was subject to a stated condition at a stated time or date;

is evidence of the matters stated.

**8 Excavations—steps required to protect underground network facilities**

- (1) This section applies to an opening in the ground, or a ground cover, that uncovers or exposes an underground network facility, or might reasonably be expected to have that effect.
- (2) A person must not, without reasonable excuse, make such an opening in the ground or ground cover unless the person has taken reasonable steps to—
  - (a) find out whether an underground network facility is likely to be affected; and
  - (b) avoid damaging the facility or endangering its safe or efficient operation.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

- (3) Without limiting subsection (2), a person takes reasonable steps for the purpose of that subsection if the person—
  - (a) contacts the responsible utility and requests advice about the matters mentioned in subsection (2) (a) and (b); and
  - (b) acts in accordance with the written advice of the utility about those matters.

**9 Interfering with network telemetry**

- (1) A person must not, without reasonable excuse, interfere with—
  - (a) telemetry used in connection with the operation of a network facility; or
  - (b) equipment used, or for use, for such telemetry;

if the interference is likely to interrupt or endanger the safe or efficient operation of the facility.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

- (2) In this section:

*interference* includes interference attributable directly or indirectly to the emission of electromagnetic energy from a device.

## 10 Interfering with network facility signs

A person must not, without reasonable excuse, interfere with, change or remove—

- (a) a sign displayed or maintained by or on behalf of a utility at or on a network facility; or
- (b) a seal, lock, chain or any other device used in connection with securing any part of a network facility;

if the action is likely to endanger people or property.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

## 11 Entering secured areas

- (1) A person must not, without reasonable excuse, enter a secured area maintained by or on behalf of a utility in connection with the provision of a utility service.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

- (2) In this section:

*secured area* means a network facility, and any land or water surrounding the facility, that is enclosed for the purpose of preventing unauthorised access.

## **Part 3 Electricity network facilities**

### **12 Throwing objects at facilities**

A person must not, without reasonable excuse, throw or otherwise project an object—

- (a) with intent to strike an electricity network facility; or
- (b) if the object is likely to strike an electricity network facility;

if the striking is likely to endanger any person or property or interrupt or endanger the safe or efficient operation of the facility.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

### **13 Entangled objects**

A person must not, without reasonable excuse, touch or interfere with any object resting on, or entangled in, an electricity network facility if the touching or interference is likely to endanger any person or property or interrupt or endanger the safe or efficient operation of the facility.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

### **14 Explosives and fires**

A person must not, without reasonable excuse—

- (a) light, use or maintain a fire, or detonate an explosive, in a way that is likely to damage an electricity network facility or interrupt or endanger its safe or efficient operation; or
- (b) do a thing that creates an explosive atmosphere that is likely to endanger the safe or efficient operation of an electricity network facility.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

**15 Underground electricity network facilities**

A person must not, without reasonable excuse, place or keep, above or adjacent to an underground electricity network facility, any corrosive, abrasive, heavy or harmful material or substance that is likely to damage the facility or endanger its safe or efficient operation.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

**16 Excavating**

A person must not, without reasonable excuse—

- (a) cut away, excavate or remove any earth or material supporting or covering an electricity network facility in a way that is likely to damage the facility or endanger its safe or efficient operation; or
- (b) make an excavation—
  - (i) deeper than 0.9m within 15m of a tower supporting an aerial line; or
  - (ii) deeper than 0.3m within 1.5m of such a tower; or
- (c) make an excavation deeper than 1.8m within 3m of—
  - (i) any pole supporting an aerial line; or
  - (ii) any pole, or stay anchorage, to which is attached a staywire used for the support of a pole mentioned in subparagraph (i); or
  - (iii) deeper than 0.9m within 1.5m of a pole or anchorage mentioned in subparagraph (i) or (ii); or
- (d) make an excavation deeper than 0.3m within 0.6m of any wall, fence or foundation of a substation that forms part of an electricity network facility.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

**17 Changing ground level**

A person must not, without reasonable excuse, change the ground level—

- (a) below an aerial line or any point to which the line may swing;  
or
- (b) above or adjacent to an electricity network facility;

if that is likely to damage the line or facility, endanger its safe or efficient operation, or impede reasonable access to it for the purposes of its operation.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

**18 Clearances from aerial lines—people**

- (1) A person must not, without reasonable excuse, be too close to an aerial line.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to—
  - (a) the holder of an electricians licence under the *Construction Occupations (Licensing) Act 2004* that authorises work on the line; or
  - (b) a person who is—
    - (i) carrying out work associated with the connection of premises to the relevant electricity network or varying the capacity of such a connection; and
    - (ii) accredited under the relevant technical code for such work.
- (3) A person is too close to an aerial line if at any time the person, or any part of a thing held by or attached to the person, is within the

minimum distance from any part of the line worked out in accordance with table 18.

**Table 18**

column 1	column 2	column 3	column 4	column 5
direction in which minimum distance must be observed	minimum distance from insulated aerial cable or insulated aerial service line, where- $U \leq 1 \text{ kV}$	minimum distance from aerial conductor or covered aerial cable, where- $U \leq 1 \text{ kV}$	minimum distance from aerial conductor or aerial cable where- $1 \text{ kV} < U \leq 33 \text{ kV}$	minimum distance from aerial conductor or aerial cable where- $33 \text{ kV} < U \leq 132 \text{ kV}$
Any direction	0.1m	1.5m	2.0m	4.0m

*Note* Symbols used in table 18 are defined in the dictionary.

## 19 Clearances from aerial lines—structures

- (1) A person must not, without reasonable excuse, erect or maintain any part of a structure too close to an aerial line.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

- (2) A part of a structure is too close to an aerial line if at any time it is within the minimum distance from any part of the line worked out in accordance with table 19.
- (3) The minimum distance stated in table 19, column 3, item 3 does not apply to any part of a structure within that distance from the point at which an insulated aerial service line is attached to the structure by or for the responsible utility.

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**Table 19**

<b>column 1</b>	<b>column 2</b>	<b>column 3</b>	<b>column 4</b>	<b>column 5</b>	<b>column 6</b>
<b>item</b>	<b>direction in which minimum distance must be observed</b>	<b>minimum distance from insulated aerial cable or insulated aerial service line, where- <math>U \leq 1 \text{ kV}</math></b>	<b>minimum distance from aerial conductor or covered aerial cable, where- <math>U \leq 1 \text{ kV}</math></b>	<b>minimum distance from aerial conductor or aerial cable, where- <math>1 \text{ kV} &lt; U \leq 33 \text{ kV}</math></b>	<b>minimum distance from aerial conductor or aerial cable, where- <math>33 \text{ kV} &lt; U \leq 132 \text{ kV}</math></b>
<b>1</b>	vertically, from any part of the structure normally accessible to people	2.7m	3.7m	4.6m	5.0m
<b>2</b>	vertically, from any part of the structure not normally accessible to people but on which a person could stand	1.2m	2.7m	3.7m	4.6m
<b>3</b>	any direction (other than vertically), from any part of the structure not normally accessible to people	0.3m	1.5m	2.7m	3.0m
<b>4</b>	any direction (other than vertically), from any window, opening balcony or other part of the structure normally accessible to people	1.5m	2.0m	2.7m	3.0m
<b>5</b>	any direction (other than vertically), from any window, opening balcony or other part of the structure not normally accessible to people but on which a person could stand	1.5m	2.0m	2.7m	3.0m
<b>6</b>	vertically, from any part of a fully	1.8m	3.7m	4.6m	n/a



column 1 item	column 2 direction in which minimum distance must be observed	column 3 minimum distance from insulated aerial cable or insulated aerial service line, where- $U \leq 1 \text{ kV}$	column 4 minimum distance from aerial conductor or covered aerial cable, where- $U \leq 1 \text{ kV}$	column 5 minimum distance from aerial conductor or aerial cable, where- $1 \text{ kV} < U \leq$ $33 \text{ kV}$	column 6 minimum distance from aerial conductor or aerial cable, where- $33 \text{ kV} < U$ $\leq 132 \text{ kV}$
	extended clothes line				
7	any direction (other than vertically), from any part of a fully extended clothes line	1.8m	3.0m	3.0m	n/a
8	any direction, from an outdoor wireless or television aerial or any part of a staywire for the aerial	1.5m	1.5m	1.5m	n/a
9	any direction, from the outer edge of the water container of a swimming pool or the maximum water level of the pool	5.0m; or 3.0m (if the line is a neutral screened cable)	5.5m	5.5m	n/a

*Note* Symbols used in table 19 are defined in the dictionary.

(4) In this section:

***neutral screened cable*** has the same meaning as in AS/NZS 3000 (Wiring Rules), as in force from time to time.

*Note* AS/NZS 3000 may be purchased at [www.standards.org.au](http://www.standards.org.au).

## 20 Clearances from aerial conductors—flammable materials

(1) This section does not apply to a structure to which section 19 applies.

- (2) A person must not, without reasonable excuse, place or keep timber or other flammable material vertically below an aerial conductor.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

- (3) A person must not, without reasonable excuse, place or keep timber or other flammable material too close to an aerial conductor.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

- (4) Timber or other flammable material is too close to an aerial conductor if at any time it is within the minimum distance from any part of the conductor worked out in accordance with table 20.

**Table 20**

column 1	column 2	column 3	column 4
direction in which minimum distance must be observed	minimum distance from aerial conductor, where- $U \leq 1 \text{ kV}$	minimum distance from aerial conductor, where- $1 \text{ kV} < U \leq 33 \text{ kV}$	minimum distance from aerial conductor, where- $33 \text{ kV} < U \leq 132 \text{ kV}$
horizontally, from any point of the vertical projection below the aerial conductor or aerial cable	3.0m	3.0m	3.0m

*Note* Symbols used in table 20 are defined in the dictionary.

**21 Clearances from aerial lines—nonflammable materials**

- (1) This section does not apply to a structure to which section 19 applies.

- (2) A person must not, without reasonable excuse, place or keep any nonflammable material too close to an aerial line.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

- (3) Nonflammable material is too close to an aerial line if, at any time—

- (a) any part of the material is vertically below the line and within the minimum distance from any part of the line worked out in accordance with table 21, item 1; or

- (b) if the material is not vertically below the line—any part of the material is within—
- (i) the minimum horizontal distance, worked out in accordance with table 21, item 2 from the vertical projection below the line; and
  - (ii) the minimum vertical distance, worked out in accordance with table 21, item 1 below the horizontal projection from any part of the line.

Table 21

column 1	column 2	column 3	column 4	column 5	column 6
	direction in which minimum distance must be observed	minimum distance from insulated aerial cable or insulated aerial service line, where- $U \leq 1 \text{ kV}$	minimum distance from aerial conductor or covered aerial cable, where- $U \leq 1 \text{ kV}$	minimum distance from aerial conductor or aerial cable, where- $1 \text{ kV} < U \leq 33 \text{ kV}$	minimum distance from aerial conductor or aerial cable, where- $33 \text{ kV} < U \leq 132 \text{ kV}$
1	vertical projection below the aerial line	2.7m	3.7m	4.6m	5.0m
2	horizontally, from any point of the vertical projection below the aerial line	1.5m	2.0m	2.7m	3.0m

*Note* Symbols used in table 21 are defined in the dictionary.

## 22 Clearances from aerial lines—aircraft

A person must not, without reasonable excuse, launch, release, operate, fly or land any aircraft, glider, hang glider, hot air balloon, parachute, mechanically propelled model aircraft, model glider or kite within 50m of an aerial line.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

**23 Clearances from aerial lines—vehicles**

- (1) A person must not, without reasonable excuse, operate a vehicle on land if any part of the vehicle is too close to an aerial line.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

- (2) In this section:

*vehicle* includes any load on the vehicle, but does not include mobile plant to which section 24 applies.

- (3) A part of a vehicle is too close to an aerial line if at any time it is within the minimum distance from any part of the line worked out in accordance with table 23.

**Table 23**

column 1	column 2	column 3	column 4	column 5
direction in which minimum distance must be observed	minimum distance from insulated aerial cable or insulated aerial service line, where- $U \leq 1 \text{ kV}$	minimum distance from aerial conductor or covered aerial cable, where- $U \leq 1 \text{ kV}$	minimum distance from aerial conductor or aerial cable where- $1 \text{ kV} < U \leq 33 \text{ kV}$	minimum distance from aerial conductor or aerial cable where- $33 \text{ kV} < U \leq 132 \text{ kV}$
any direction	0.3m	0.6m	0.9m	2.1m

*Note* Symbols used in table 23 are defined in the dictionary.

**24 Clearances from aerial lines—mobile plant, vessels**

- (1) A person must not, without reasonable excuse, operate mobile plant if any part of the plant is too close to an aerial line.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

- (2) In subsection (1):

*mobile plant* means a crane, elevating work platform, tip truck or similar plant, any equipment fitted with a jib or boom, or any device for raising or lowering a load.

- (3) A person must not, without reasonable excuse, operate a vessel on water if any part of the vessel is too close to an aerial line.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

- (4) A part of a mobile plant or vessel is too close to an aerial line if at any time it is within the minimum distance from any part of the line worked out in accordance with table 24.

**Table 24**

column 1	column 2	column 3	column 4	column 5
direction in which minimum distance must be observed	minimum distance from insulated aerial cable or insulated aerial service line, where- $U \leq 1 \text{ kV}$	minimum distance from aerial conductor or covered aerial cable, where- $U \leq 1 \text{ kV}$	minimum distance from aerial conductor or aerial cable, where- $1 \text{ kV} < U \leq 33 \text{ kV}$	minimum distance from aerial conductor or aerial cable, where- $33 \text{ kV} < U \leq 132 \text{ kV}$
any direction	1.0m	1.0m	3.0m	3.0m

*Note* Symbols used in table 24 are defined in the dictionary.

## 25 Clearances from aerial lines—vegetation

- (1) A lessee of territory land must not, without reasonable excuse, allow any part of a tree or other vegetation on the land to be too close to an aerial line.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

*Note* Under the *Urban Forest Act 2023*, pt 3 it is an offence to damage a protected tree (see that *Act*, s 16). However, the offences do not apply to an activity approved under the *Urban Forest Act 2023*, s 28 or s 32 (see that *Act*, s 18 (1) (c)).

- (2) A person must not, without reasonable excuse, prune or clear a tree or other vegetation if any part of the tree or vegetation is likely to fall too close to an aerial line.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

- (3) A part of a tree or other vegetation is too close to an aerial line if at any time it is within the minimum distance from any part of the line worked out in accordance with table 25.

**Table 25**

column 1	column 2	column 3	column 4	column 5
direction in which minimum distance must be observed	minimum distance from insulated aerial cable or insulated aerial service line, where- $U \leq 1 \text{ kV}$	minimum distance from aerial conductor or covered aerial cable, where- $U \leq 1 \text{ kV}$	minimum distance from aerial conductor or aerial cable, where- $1 \text{ kV} < U \leq 33 \text{ kV}$	minimum distance from aerial conductor or aerial cable, where- $33 \text{ kV} < U \leq 132 \text{ kV}$
any direction	1.0m	1.5m	2.0m	3.0m

*Note* Symbols used in table 25 are defined in the dictionary.

## 26 Measuring clearances from aerial lines

For this regulation, the minimum distance from any part of an aerial line is to be measured from the nearest point to which the line sags or swings.

## 27 Placing of materials near substations or switchyards

A person must not, without reasonable excuse—

- (a) place or keep any timber or other flammable material closer than 3m in any direction from a wall or fence of a substation, or switchyard, that forms part of an electricity network; or
- (b) place or keep any material in a way that is likely to—
  - (i) impede access to any door, gate or entrance of a substation, or switchyard, that forms part of an electricity network; or
  - (ii) interfere with the free flow of air through any opening or fitting used for ventilation in the walls of a substation, or switchyard, that forms part of an electricity network.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

**28 Attachments, or climbing, on electricity network facility**

- (1) A person must not, without reasonable excuse, attach a thing to an electricity network facility if it is likely to interrupt or endanger the safe or efficient operation of the facility.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

- (2) A person must not, without reasonable excuse, climb an electricity network facility.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

## **Part 4 Water and sewerage network facilities**

### **29 Throwing objects at facilities**

A person must not, without reasonable excuse, throw or otherwise project an object—

- (a) with intent to strike a water or sewerage network facility; or
- (b) if the object is likely to strike a water or sewerage network facility;

if the striking is likely to endanger any person or property or interrupt or endanger the safe or efficient operation of the facility.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

### **30 Driving etc over underground water or sewerage network facilities**

A person must not, without reasonable excuse, drive a vehicle, or operate plant, machinery or equipment, over an underground water or sewerage network facility if it is likely to damage the facility or endanger its safe or efficient operation.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

### **31 Underground water or sewerage network facilities**

A person must not, without reasonable excuse, place or keep, above or adjacent to an underground water or sewerage network facility, any corrosive, abrasive, heavy or harmful material or substance that is likely to damage the facility or endanger its safe or efficient operation.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.



**32 Excavating**

A person must not, without reasonable excuse—

- (a) cut away, excavate or remove any earth or material supporting or covering a water or sewerage network facility in a way that is likely to damage the facility or endanger its safe or efficient operation; or
- (b) make an excavation deeper than 0.3m within 0.6m of any wall, fence or foundation of a structure that forms part of a water or sewerage network.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

**33 Changing ground level**

A person must not, without reasonable excuse, change the ground level above or adjacent to a water or sewerage network facility if that is likely to damage the facility, endanger its safe or efficient operation, or impede reasonable access to it for the purposes of its operation.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

**34 Climbing on water or sewerage network facilities**

A person must not, without reasonable excuse, climb a water or sewerage network facility.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

**35 Entry to water or sewerage network facilities**

A person must not, without reasonable excuse, enter a water or sewerage network facility.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

**36 Work on water or sewerage network facilities etc**

- (1) A person must not, without reasonable excuse, work on—
- (a) a water or sewerage network facility; or
  - (b) a pipe that communicates with such a facility;
- in a way that is likely to endanger people or property or interrupt or endanger the safe or efficient operation of the facility.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

- (2) In this section:  
**work** includes installation and removal.

## Part 5 Gas network facilities

### 37 Throwing objects at facilities

A person must not, without reasonable excuse, throw or otherwise project an object—

- (a) with intent to strike a gas network facility; or
- (b) if the object is likely to strike a gas network facility;

if the striking is likely to endanger any person or property or interrupt or endanger the safe or efficient operation of the facility.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

### 38 Driving etc over underground gas network facilities

A person must not, without reasonable excuse, drive a vehicle, or operate plant, machinery or equipment, over an underground gas network facility if it is likely to damage the facility or endanger its safe or efficient operation.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

### 39 Underground gas network facilities

A person must not, without reasonable excuse, place or keep, above or adjacent to an underground gas network facility, any corrosive, abrasive, heavy or harmful material or substance that is likely to damage the facility or endanger its safe or efficient operation.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

**40 Excavating**

A person must not, without reasonable excuse—

- (a) cut away, excavate or remove any earth or material near, supporting or covering a gas network facility in a way that is likely to damage the facility or endanger its safe or efficient operation; or
- (b) make an excavation deeper than 0.3m within 0.6m of any wall, fence or foundation of a structure that forms part of a gas network.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

**41 Changing ground level**

A person must not, without reasonable excuse, change the ground level above or adjacent to a gas network facility if that is likely to damage the facility, endanger its safe or efficient operation, or impede reasonable access to it for the purposes of its operation.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

**42 Climbing on gas facilities**

A person must not, without reasonable excuse, climb a gas network facility.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

**43 Work on gas network facilities etc**

- (1) A person must not, without reasonable excuse, work on—
  - (a) a gas network facility; or

(b) a pipe or equipment directly connected to, but not part of, such a facility;

in a way that is likely to endanger people or property or interrupt or endanger the safe or efficient operation of the facility.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

(2) In this section:

**work** includes installation or removal.

## Dictionary

(see s 3)

**Note 1** The Legislation Act contains definitions and other provisions relevant to this regulation.

**Note 2** For example, the [Legislation Act](#), dict, pt 1 defines the following terms:

- AS/NZS (see s 164)
- penalty unit (s 133)
- territory land.

**Note 3** Terms used in this regulation have the same meaning that they have in the [Utilities Act 2000](#) (see [Legislation Act](#), s 148.) For example, the following terms are defined in the [Utilities Act 2000](#), dict:

- network facility
- utility.

***aerial cable*** means any insulated or covered conductor or assembly of cores (with or without protective covering) that is above ground or water, suspended in the open air between 2 or more supports and forms part of an electricity network.

***aerial conductor*** means any bare conductor that is above ground or water, suspended in the open air between 2 or more supports and forms part of an electricity network.

***aerial line*** means an aerial cable, aerial conductor or aerial service line.

***aerial service line*** means the final span or section of a low voltage aerial conductor of an upstream network that is connected to a point of supply.

***conductor*** means a finished circular stranded assembly consisting of 3 or more metallic wires laid up together that has the specific function of carrying electrical current.

***covered conductor*** means a conductor around which is applied a specified thickness of insulating material.

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***electricity network facility*** means any part of the infrastructure of an electricity network.

***gas network facility*** means any part of the infrastructure of a gas network.

***insulated***, for a thing, means the thing is surrounded by a nonconducting substance that provides resistance to—

- (a) the passage of current; or
- (b) disruptive discharges through or over the surface of the thing at the operating voltage; or
- (c) the injurious leakage of current.

***sewerage network facility*** means any part of the infrastructure of a sewerage network.

***structure*** means a thing constructed by people and attached to land, or buried within land.

***U***, for an aerial line, means its nominal voltage.

***switchgear*** means the equipment for controlling the distribution of electrical energy or for controlling or protecting circuits, machines, transformers or other equipment.

***water network facility*** means any part of the infrastructure of a water network.

< means less than.

≤ means less than or equal to.

## Endnotes

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Amending and modifying laws are annotated in the legislation history and the amendment history. Current modifications are not included in the republished law but are set out in the endnotes.

Not all editorial amendments made under the *Legislation Act 2001*, part 11.3 are annotated in the amendment history. Full details of any amendments can be obtained from the Parliamentary Counsel's Office.

Uncommenced amending laws are not included in the republished law. The details of these laws are underlined in the legislation history. Uncommenced expiries are underlined in the legislation history and amendment history.

If all the provisions of the law have been renumbered, a table of renumbered provisions gives details of previous and current numbering.

The endnotes also include a table of earlier republications.

### 2 Abbreviation key

A = Act	NI = Notifiable instrument
AF = Approved form	o = order
am = amended	om = omitted/repealed
amdt = amendment	ord = ordinance
AR = Assembly resolution	orig = original
ch = chapter	par = paragraph/subparagraph
CN = Commencement notice	pres = present
def = definition	prev = previous
DI = Disallowable instrument	(prev...) = previously
dict = dictionary	pt = part
disallowed = disallowed by the Legislative Assembly	r = rule/subrule
div = division	reloc = relocated
exp = expires/expired	renum = renumbered
Gaz = gazette	R[X] = Republication No
hdg = heading	RI = reissue
IA = Interpretation Act 1967	s = section/subsection
ins = inserted/added	sch = schedule
LA = Legislation Act 2001	sdiv = subdivision
LR = legislation register	SL = Subordinate law
LRA = Legislation (Republication) Act 1996	sub = substituted
mod = modified/modification	<u>underlining</u> = whole or part not commenced or to be expired



### 3 Legislation history

This regulation was originally the *Utility Networks (Public Safety) Regulations 2001*. It was renamed under the [Legislation Act](#).

#### **Utility Networks (Public Safety) Regulation 2001 SL2001-28**

notified 23 August 2001 (Gaz 2001 No 34)

s 1, s 2 commenced 23 August 2001 (IA s 10B)

remainder commenced 11 September 2001 (s 2 and Gaz 2001 No S69)

as amended by

#### **Statute Law Amendment Act 2002 A2002-30 pt 3.89**

notified LR 16 September 2002

s 1, s 2 taken to have commenced 19 May 1997 (LA s 75 (2))

pt 3.89 commenced 17 September 2002 (s 2 (1))

#### **Construction Occupations Legislation Amendment Act 2004 A2004-13 sch 2 pt 2.26**

notified LR 26 March 2004

s 1, s 2 commenced 26 March 2004 (LA s 75 (1))

sch 2 pt 2.26 commenced 1 September 2004 (s 2 and see [Construction Occupations \(Licensing\) Act 2004](#) A2004-12, s 2 and CN2004-8)

#### **Statute Law Amendment Act 2013 A2013-19 sch 3 pt 3.49**

notified LR 24 May 2013

s 1, s 2 commenced 24 May 2013 (LA s 75 (1))

sch 3 pt 3.49 commenced 14 June 2013 (s 2)

#### **Urban Forest (Consequential Amendments) Act 2023 A2023-52 sch 1 pt 1.14**

notified LR 11 December 2023

s 1, s 2 commenced 11 December 2023 (LA s 75 (1))

sch 1 pt 1.14 commenced 1 January 2024 (s 2 and see [Urban Forest Act 2023](#) A2023-14, s 2)

## Endnotes

4 Amendment history

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#### **Name of regulation**

s 1 am R4 LA

#### **Commencement**

s 2 om LA s 89 (4)

#### **Clearances from aerial lines—people**

s 18 am [A2004-13](#) amdt 2.91; table renum R3 LA

#### **Clearances from aerial lines—structures**

s 19 table renum R3 LA  
am [A2013-19](#) amdt 3.475

#### **Clearances from aerial conductors—flammable materials**

s 20 table renum R3 LA

#### **clearances from aerial lines—nonflammable materials**

s 21 table renum R3 LA

#### **Clearances from aerial lines—vehicles**

s 23 table renum R3 LA

#### **Clearances from aerial lines—mobile plant, vessels**

s 24 table renum R3 LA

#### **Clearances from aerial lines—vegetation**

s 25 table renum R3 LA  
am [A2023-52](#) amdt 1.116

#### **Dictionary**

dict am [A2002-30](#) amdt 3.977; [A2013-19](#) amdt 3.476

## 5 Earlier republications

Some earlier republications were not numbered. The number in column 1 refers to the publication order.

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1	not amended	11 September 2001
2	<a href="#">A2002-30</a>	3 October 2002
3	<a href="#">A2004-13</a>	1 September 2004
4	<a href="#">A2004-13</a>	2 November 2004
5	<a href="#">A2013-19</a>	14 June 2013

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