

# Emergency restoration of a private overhead electric line in a high bushfire area

## Regulation 221 - Electricity Safety (Installations) regulations 2009

Complete and return this form if you are located in a high bushfire area and require an emergency restoration of a private overhead electric line (POEL).

### Owner information

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Property address \_\_\_\_\_  
Suburb \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Agent to complete (if applicable)

If undertaking is completed by an authorised agent of the owner (a copy of authorisation is to be attached)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Owner / agent undertaking

I acknowledge that the distribution company responsible for my electrical distribution area has given notice that the private overhead electric line (POEL) located on **the property** requires substantial reconstruction and therefore has to be placed underground as required by regulation 220(1) of the *Electricity Safety (Installations) Regulations 2009* ("the Regulations").

I have obtained the services of the registered electrical contractor (REC) named below, to carry out emergency restoration of the aerial line and therefore undertake to have the POEL replaced with an underground electric line or disconnected from the electricity supply within **60 days from the date stated above** as required by regulation 221(4) of the Regulations. I understand that it is a criminal offence to fail to comply with this undertaking.

I also acknowledge that due to the repairs being an emergency restoration, the POEL may be disconnected by the distribution company for safety reasons on days of total fire ban.

I understand that I will require the services of an REC to carry out the work required to replace the POEL with an underground electric line. I also understand that an REC is required to issue me with a certificate of electrical safety (COES) for each of these works.

I hereby give the above undertaking

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

To prevent enforcement action, notify ESV by email at [pal@energysafe.vic.gov.au](mailto:pal@energysafe.vic.gov.au) within **five business days** of completion of the undergrounding of this electrical line. Please quote the reference code and the final COES number issued by your REC.

### REC to complete

Company name \_\_\_\_\_ REC No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of electrician on site \_\_\_\_\_ Licence No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact phone number \_\_\_\_\_ NMI/meter No. \_\_\_\_\_

### REC Acknowledgement

(to be completed prior to commencing the restoration work)

Being the person responsible for the emergency restoration work at the above address, I have obtained the **reference code** below from ESV and acknowledge that I am required by regulation 221(2)(b) of the Regulations to provide the above undertaking from the owner and a copy of the COES for the work to ESV **within 5 business days** after the completion of the emergency restoration. I understand it is a criminal offence to fail to comply with this requirement.

**NOTE:** The REC must submit the undertaking and the COES to ESV, attention to POEL Installation Safety, on email [pal@energysafe.vic.gov.au](mailto:pal@energysafe.vic.gov.au) or use the contact details at the bottom of the page.

Reference code

The reference code is issued by an ESV enforcement officer to the REC following completion of the above undertaking by the owner.  
Call toll free **1800 000 922**

**Note: Reference code must be obtained prior to restoration.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_