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Subject: Proposed Electricity Safety (General) Regulations 2019 - Regulatory Impact Statement and proposed Regulations available

Thank you for the invitation to comment on the proposed Electrical Safety (General) Regulations 2019 on behalf of the Dial Before You Dig Service. Dial Before You Dig is a Not for Profit organisation that delivers a vital national community service designed to assist in preventing damage and disruption to Australia's vast infrastructure networks which provide essential services we use every day. Protecting Australia's infrastructure assets is crucial in keeping essential services such as electricity, gas, water and telecommunications flowing to the community. In 2018/2019 more than 12,000,000 asset location notifications were issued to more than 2,000,000 enquiries about excavation via the Dial Before You Dig national referral service. Despite the success of our service, damage to infrastructure continues and in some cases, serious injury and/or death can result.

Any project, irrespective of size, has the potential to damage assets located around the work site, leading to service interruptions, delays, costly repairs and in the worst case scenario, injury or death. Obtaining information from Dial Before You Dig Members significantly minimises these risks by providing information about the work site. Safety is a fundamental aspect of any excavation project and so Dial Before You Dig should always be the first point of contact.

Part 6-Duties of the Public, Regulation 608 is most relevant to the Dial Before You Dig Service. The Association of Australian Dial Before You Dig Service (AADBYDS) requests that further emphasis on the recently adopted Australian Standard AS 5488 Classification of subsurface utility information be referenced in Regulation 608. AADBYDS recommends the inclusion of the following:

All reasonable care must be taken to identify and locate underground assets prior to excavating. As a minimum requirement, Quality Level D (AS 5488) information should be used to establish the potential presence of subsurface utilities within an area of interest.

The information required for Quality Level D may be sourced through a "Dial Before You Dig" Enquiry and the following methods:

- a) Utility owners records
- b) Design plans
- c) As-built or work as executed plans
- d) Existing survey plans

I would be pleased to further expand on this request if required.

Yours sincerely



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