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Building Safely Near Powerlines

How are development activity and powerlines interrelated?

In January 2006 the Development Regulations were amended to incorporate the requirements of the Technical Regulator in relation to powerline setback distances required under the Electricity Act 1996. In April 2006 the Regulations specified that these provisions commence on 1 January 2007. This integration is designed to avoid the problems of buildings having to be altered or even demolished as they contravene the requirements of the Electricity Act.

The Regulations enable applicants to confirm, by way of a written declaration made when lodging a development application, that a proposed building is sufficiently setback from existing powerlines. If such a standard declaration is not signed, the application will be referred to the Technical Regulator for their direction with referral fee being paid by the applicant.

The office of the Technical Regulator has prepared guidelines on setback requirements, and also will provide a telephone service to applicants where advice can be given prior to signing the standard declaration

Relevant Publications

The SA Government Energy Safe publication 'Building Safely Near Powerlines' provide guidance with regard to requirements when undertaking development near powerlines and may be accessed via:

https://www.sa.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/18606/150513-Building-safely-near-powerlines-web.pdf

Further information may be sought on the SA Government website via:

<http://www.sa.gov.au/topics/energy-and-environment/electrical-gas-and-plumbing-safety-and-technical-regulation/powerline-safety/building-safely-near-powerlines>

Who can I contact in relation to building near powerlines?

For further information, contact the Office of the Technical Regulator via:

Phone: 8226 5500
Post: GPO Box 320, Adelaide SA 5001
In person: Level 8, ANZ Building, 11 Waymouth Street, Adelaide SA 5000

You may also lodge an online enquiry via:

<https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/energy-and-environment/electrical-gas-and-plumbing-safety-and-technical-regulation/about-the-otr/office-of-the-technical-regulator>

Development Information Guides are intended to help applicants to submit applications which are complete, well prepared, and can be processed efficiently. The information provided is intended as a general guide only and applicants are encouraged to refer to the Town of Walkerville Development Plan and to seek professional advice if necessary. This information is subject to frequent updates. This version last updated in January 2018.

Access the Development Plan and current versions of information guides at <http://www.walkerville.sa.gov.au/>

Should you have any further enquiries or wish to discuss this process, please do not hesitate to contact the Planning and Environment team via:

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