



INFORMATION SHEET

Private Underground Electrical Connections within Council Road Reservations

A private underground electrical connection (PUEC), is a privately owned underground power main running from a TasNetworks power pole on the road reservation to the private property boundary and onwards. TasNetworks also refers to PUEC as consumer mains.

Council made a resolution in 2006 as follows:

“That the Council issue the necessary approvals to residents or their agents to allow for excavation within road reservations to facilitate the installation of electrical connections within private property, upon receipt of confirmation that Aurora (now TasNetworks) will mark the location of such electrical connection on its plans and take responsibility for the electrical connection.”

TasNetworks currently has a policy to not record or take responsibility PUECs. The City of Hobart has identified that this creates an unacceptable risk to the safety of workers who may be exposed to electrocution when excavating in the road reservation where there are high or low voltage electrical wires which are un-recorded or inaccurately recorded and where it is not clear who has responsibility for the condition of such wires.

As such, the City of Hobart will only allow excavation for the installation of electrical conduit in road reservations upon receipt of confirmation that TasNetworks will mark the location of the electrical connection so that it is discoverable during Before you Dig Australia enquiries.