

ESV ref: CM-5154
Your ref:

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Mr Tom Hallam
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Dear Mr Hallam

ACCEPTANCE OF BUSHFIRE MITIGATION PLAN 2016-2017

Energy Safe Victoria (ESV) has completed its review of the changes to AusNet Services Bushfire Mitigation Plan, Version 24, issued 23 March 2017, which was received at its office on 23 March 2017.

I am pleased to advise that the plan has been accepted by ESV.

This means that ESV is satisfied the submitted management plan meets the acceptance criteria adopted for the 2016-2017 years, and is deemed to satisfy the requirements of Section 113A of the *Electricity Safety Act 1998* (ESA) version 071 incorporating amendments as at 29 June 2015, and the prescribed particulars in regulation 7 of the Electricity Safety (Bushfire Mitigation) Regulations 2013 (Regulations) version 004 incorporating amendments as at 1 May 2016.

Please note that plan acceptance does NOT:

- assess or endorse progress currently being made in implementing the plan and any other associated bushfire mitigation activities, or
- indicate that ESV considers full implementation of the plan will guarantee total fire preparedness throughout the fire season, nor the total prevention of bushfires.

Thank you for your efforts to comply with the electricity safety legislation and reduce bushfire risk.

Should you have any queries in regard to this matter, please contact Brett Fox, Manager Regulatory Assurance, Electrical Safety and Technical Regulation on 9271 5455.

Yours sincerely



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