

VEDN Bulletin

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This Bulletin is issued by the Victorian Electricity Distribution Networks (VEDN) to disseminate the latest information regarding VEDN processes for contractors undertaking civil works.

Change to Committee Members

Peter Malone is the new Powercor/Citipower committee member.

Brian Morrison is the new SP AusNet committee members.

THE VEDN COMMITTEE

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Installation of Conduits

There have been a number of issues regarding the installation of conduits that have resulted in damages to cables and re work by both the electrical and civil contractors.

The VEDN Civil contractor is responsible for the installation of conduits, ensuring that they comply with the network owner's standards.

Worksite audits have identified conduits containing dirt and rocks, with damaged conduits and collars, with no draw wire, not capped, and incorrectly joined, on incorrect offsets, not or poorly detailed.

All VEDN installation must have:

- Approved conduits –ASNZ 2053-1984
- Correct clearance from other assets.
- No Gravel or impurities in installed conduits.
- Conduits joined with using glue.
- No damage to conduits or collars.
- Conduits fitted with draw wire and capped.
- Accurate conduit detailing, including road crossings, splays and easements.
- Passed a civil works - open trench inspection prior to cabling.

Note:

All VEDN accredited civil contractors must have civil works - open trench inspection signed off, as per the audit process, before the Electrical contractor installs any cables. This also applies to cases where the cables are installed by civil contractors.

Conduits that do not meet the network owner's standards must not have cables installed. Failure to meet these requirements will affect the civil contractors' accreditation status.

Road Crossing

Open Trench Civil audits and detailing must be completed for each under-road crossings. In cases where this has not been done, positive verification of the location of the conduit will need to be carried out which could include re opening of the road crossing.

Accreditation reviews and renewals

Please ensure that you manage your annual reviews and three yearly accreditation renewals to prevent your company from being removed from the VEDN contractor register.

If you are not sure of your review of renewal date, check the VEDN website.

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Next Bulletin Topic –

Open Trench Safety

The next VEDN bulletin focus on trench safety

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