

Creating a safer state with electricity and gas

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Dear

## PROPOSED ELECTRICITY SAFETY (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 2019

Thank you for reviewing and commenting on the proposed Electricity Safety (General) Regulations 2019 and for meeting with us at short notice to discuss your submissions.

Our discussions were valuable and resulted in several improvements to the proposed Regulations including:

- practical improvements to the requirements applying to underground consumer's mains located on construction and demolition sites;
- changes to the requirements for the testing of the insulation resistance of existing underground consumer's mains;
- drafting improvements to the provisions applying to private aerial lines to improve clarity;
- abandoning the proposed supply network neutral testing requirements due to various technical barriers to achieving the intended outcome; and
- clarification of the wording used in relation to some types of prescribed electrical installation work

We appreciate the time you have taken to review and comment on the proposed Regulations.

I also look forward to Energy Safe Victoria (ESV) working with you and your team on educating the industry about the new requirements applying to electrical work on energised electrical equipment and the supervision of electrical apprentices.

As discussed at our meeting, ESV intends to take an educative approach to the enforcement of these requirements for the first 12 to 18 months post commencement of the new Regulations.

Yours sincerely

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