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Dear Ian

## **2025 COMPLIANCE REPORT – LEGISLATED BUSHFIRE MITIGATION PROGRAMS**

In accordance with Section 120P of the *Electricity Safety Act 1998 (Vic)*, please find enclosed the 2025 Compliance Report – Legislated Bushfire Mitigation Programs for AusNet Electricity Services Pty Ltd. The report has been approved by the Board of AusNet Electricity Services Pty Ltd.

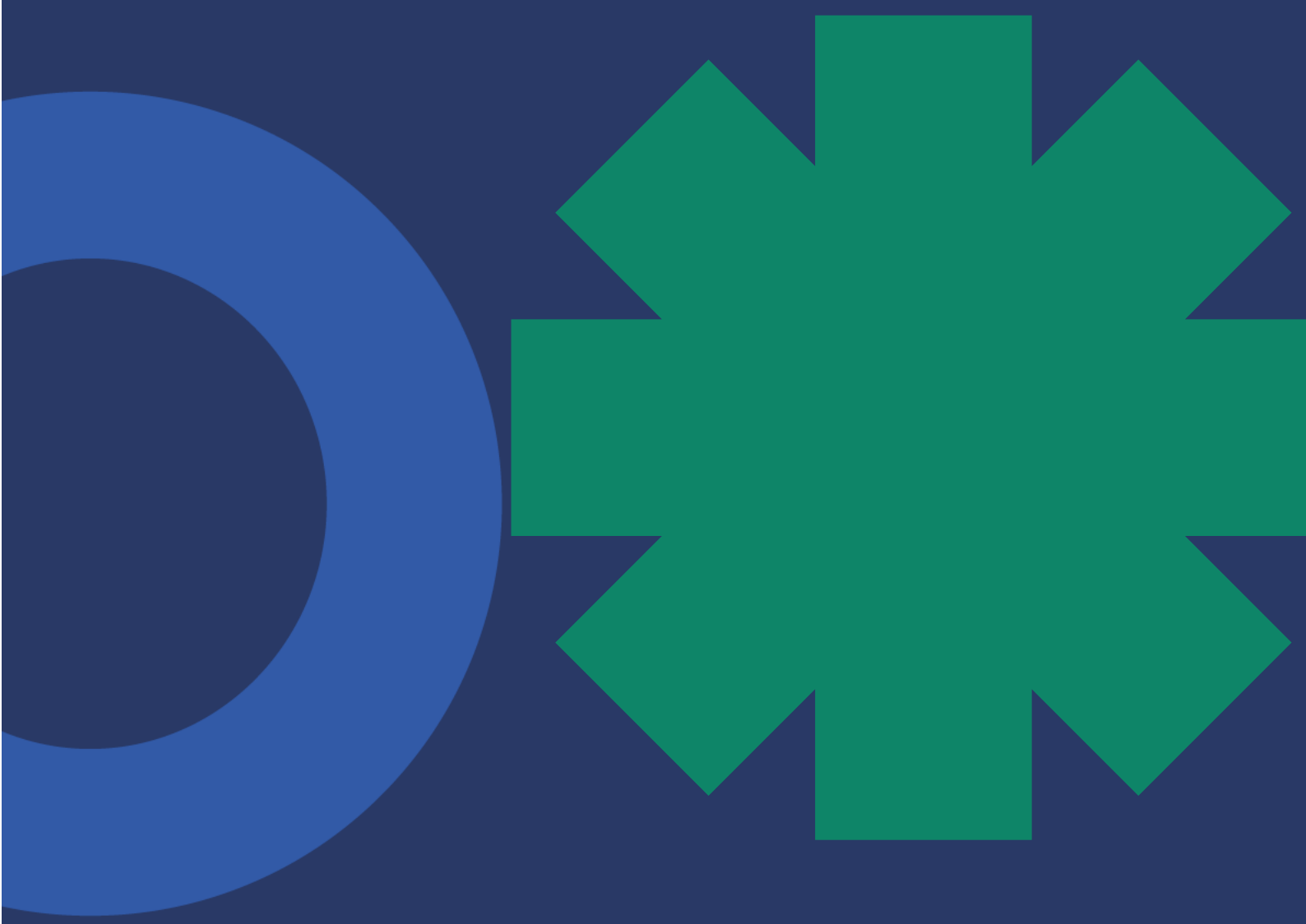
Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this report.

Sincerely



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# **2025 Compliance Report**

## **Legislated Bushfire Mitigation Programs**

Friday, 1 August 2025

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# 1. Purpose

Section 120P of the *Electricity Safety Act 1998* (Vic) (**the Act**) requires Major Electricity Companies (**MEC**) to submit an annual Compliance Report to Energy Safe Victoria (**Energy Safe**) before 1 August each year, for the reporting period 1 May to 30 April.

The MEC must include in the report details of works completed during the reporting period and works planned for the next reporting period in relation to the following legislated bushfire mitigation programs:

- Installation of Rapid Earth Fault Current Limiters (**REFCL**) within 22 prescribed zone substations in AusNet's network;
- Installation of remote-controlled Automatic Circuit Reclosers (**ACR**) on Single Wire Earth Return (**SWER**) lines; and
- Insulating/covering or undergrounding new spans or replacement of more than four consecutive spans of powerlines within Electric Line Construction Areas (**ELCA**).

This 2025 Compliance Report summarises changes to the works carried out to insulate or place underground electric lines in ELCA between 1 May 2024 to 30 April 2025 (**reporting period**) and planned works between 1 May 2025 to 30 April 2026 (**next reporting period**) for AusNet Electricity Services Pty Ltd (**AusNet**).

AusNet completed the installation of prescribed REFCLs and remote-controlled ACRs on SWER lines prior to the reporting period. Therefore, the 2025 Compliance Report does not include any changes to those programs.

## 2. Electric line program in ELCA

### 2.1. Works carried out during the reporting period

Table 1 summarises the change in line length of bare and underground/covered conductors in ELCA during the reporting period.

**Table 1: Line length of bare, covered or underground conductors in ELCA during the reporting period**

	TYPE	1 MAY 2024	30 APRIL 2025	DIFFERENCE
<b>Bare conductors in ELCA</b>	Polyphase (km)	773.92	773.77	-0.15
	SWER (km)	623.09	623.09	-
<b>Covered or underground conductors in ELCA</b>	Polyphase (km)	309.26	309.75	+0.49
	SWER (km)	28.15	28.1	-

Source: AusNet

The percentage of route kilometres of bare conductors remaining in ELCA was 80.5% on 30 April 2025.

Table 2 summarise the projects for new and replacement conductors in ELCA during the reporting period.

**Table 2: New and replacement conductors in ELCA during the reporting period**

ELCA	FEEDER	REASON/ DRIVER	PREVIOUS CONSTRUCTION	NEW CONSTRUCTION	LENGTH (KM)	DATE INSTALLED
LEGL./16-229	CYN21	New installation	N/A	Covered polyphase	0.03	27/10/2024
LEGL./16-229	CYN33	New installation	N/A	Covered polyphase	0.20	17/12/2024
LEGL./16-229	LDL11	New installation	N/A	Covered polyphase	0.11	16/3/2025
LEGL./16-229	LDL11	Replacement	Bare polyphase	Covered polyphase	0.12	16/3/2025
LEGL./16-229	BGE13	Replacement	Bare polyphase	Covered Conductor	0.03	16/05/2024

Source: AusNet

### 2.2. Planned works during the next reporting period

Table 3 indicates the planned change in line length of bare and insulated conductors during the next reporting period. The planned percentage of total route kilometres of bare conductor remaining within ELCA is anticipated to be 76.2% on 30 April 2026.

**Table 3: Line length of bare, covered or underground conductors in ELCA during the next reporting period**

	TYPE	1 MAY 2025	30 APRIL 2026	DIFFERENCE
<b>Bare conductors in ELCA</b>	Polyphase (km)	773.77	773.77	-
	SWER (km)	623.09	548.09	-75
<b>Covered or underground conductors in ELCA</b>	Polyphase (km)	309.75	309.75	-
	SWER (km)	28.10	103.10	+75

Source: AusNet

### 3. Board approval

The Board of AusNet Electricity Services Pty Ltd has approved this 2025 Compliance Report.



David Smales  
Chief Executive Officer