

General Information Notice

Contract Delivery

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Subject: Restriction to further limit the spread of COVID-19 Delta strain

Given the latest direction from the NSW Health Minister to limit the spread of the COVID-19 Delta strain, a series of restrictions have come into effect from 11:59pm on Saturday 17th July 2021 across Greater Sydney including the Central Coast, Blue Mountains, Wollongong and Shellharbour until 11:59pm on Friday, 30 July.

Restrictions have been expanded to include.

- All construction to be paused; and
- Non-urgent maintenance, including cleaning services, and repair work on residential premises to be paused.

In view of the health order, Ausgrid have reviewed works scheduled till 11:59pm on Friday, 30 July 2021 and paused activities contained accordingly. All Contestable infield activities including pre-construction meetings, milestone inspections, pre electrification meetings, mandatory inspections (inclusive of PUMS, Solar Installation, domestic and commercial installations and HVC's) and outages up to the 30th July have been paused and will need to be rescheduled outside the defined period.

Ausgrid asks that ASPs and other partners comply to the health order and limit the potential spread of COVID-19.

To assist with minimising impacts the following protocols have been enacted:

- Outages, inspections, and meetings impacted will be rescheduled as a matter of priority taking in account pre works and resource availability. For Level 1 works please contact the nominated Compliance Officer and Operational Support for Level 2 activities.
- Reduced lead times will be offered for works impacted till 27th August 2021. Appointment details are to be negotiated on a case by case basis.

Notification of Planned Interruption activities are currently under review and further advice will be provided in the upcoming days for works being completed from the 31st July 2021.

Emergency and Urgent Network Connections

Ausgrid will make a case by case assessment of all connection activities under the following conditions.

The customer or ASP must contact the appropriate Ausgrid representative (Operational Support, CPC, or Compliance Officer) to raise a request for connections under the following circumstances:

- We will still support connections on a case by case to ensure no one is being left without power at their residence if they need to move back in following renovations or any kind of building works like switchboard upgrades etc.
- If any other essential service organisations with PUMS connections such as telecommunications providers or sewerage pump sites identify a connection to be critical for safety or immediate function of their network, Ausgrid will assess this request and action accordingly on a case by case basis.

Working in the Newcastle/Hunter regions

If you live in or stay in the Greater Sydney including the Blue Mountains, Central Coast, Wollongong, and Shellharbour, you must have a COVID test in the 7 days before working if your workplace is 50km or more outside Greater Sydney.

Proof of COVID -19 test

You must have proof of your

- COVID-19 test such as an SMS text message on your phone or an email addressed to you
- Home address or temporary accommodation in Greater Sydney

You must show the proof of your test when asked

- At your workplace to the manager (includes Ausgrid onsite representative) or
- To a police officer

We will update you if there is any change to these decisions.

For the safety of our staff and the security of power supply, we are continuing with **critical planned works associated with Operating the Network.**

There are currently no identified or confirmed cases of COVID-19 at Ausgrid or PLUS ES, and that all Ausgrid sites remain open for essential staff to attend.

Please note, that these measures may be revisited at any time due to the rapidly changing conditions associated with the pandemic and when they do we will advise accordingly.

Regards,
Contract Delivery – Ausgrid