

ELECTRIC LINES CLEARANCE MANAGEMENT PLAN

An Electric Lines Clearance Management Plan outlines Council's compliance with the Electricity Safety (Electric Line Clearance) Regulations 2010 (Vic). It is intended to assist staff making decisions and dealing with issues relating to vegetation located in the vicinity of electric lines.

INTRODUCTION

An Electric Lines Clearance Management Plan details the management responsibilities, procedures and practices to be adopted and observed in managing vegetation in the vicinity of electric lines and to minimise danger of electric lines causing fire or electrocution. The document is prepared in accordance with the Electricity Safety Act 1998 and with Regulation 9 – Management Plans, Section 3 of the Electricity Safety (Electric Line Clearance) Regulations 2010 (Vic).

Trees and streetscapes add significantly to a municipality's character, biodiversity, wildlife habitat and connectivity. It is therefore essential that vegetation is managed sensitively and with consideration.

An effective Electric Lines Clearance Plan can assist decision-makers by providing thorough, detailed and relevant information in an easily accessible format. It can provide a link to existing Council information and support strategic management of vegetation within the municipality. If effective, it can save time and ensure the protection of areas of important local and significant vegetation.

Examples of content in an electric lines clearance management plan are:

- Contacts
- Objectives
- Management Plan Area
- Identifying significant trees
- Management procedures
- Performance measures; and
- Clearance space for electric lines.

The Electric Lines Clearance Plan should be updated annually to ensure it always complies with the relevant Electricity Safety Act 1998 and the Electricity Safety (Electric Line Clearance) Regulations 2010 (Vic) or its preceding documents.
