

## **Part 6—Duties of the public**

### **601 Application of Part—protected installations**

- (1) An owner or operator of a protected installation may do any thing in relation to a protected installation that is otherwise prohibited by regulations 603 to 619 if the owner or operator does that thing when the protected installation is isolated from the electricity supply.
- (2) A person may do any thing in relation to a protected installation that is otherwise prohibited by regulations 603 to 619 if the person—
  - (a) does that thing with the written permission of the owner or operator of the protected installation; and
  - (b) does that thing when the protected installation is isolated from the electricity supply; and
  - (c) complies with any conditions imposed by the owner or operator in giving the permission.
- (3) An authorised person may do any thing in relation to a protected installation that is otherwise prohibited by regulations 603 to 619 if doing the thing—
  - (a) is necessary to connect or disconnect the protected installation from the electricity supply; or
  - (b) is required or authorised by or under any law; or
  - (c) is necessary for safety reasons.

(4) In this regulation—

***authorised person*** means—

- (a) the electricity supplier that is supplying electricity to the protected installation; or
- (b) a person authorised by the electricity supplier that is supplying electricity to the protected installation to do a thing permitted by subregulation (3);

***safety reasons*** includes the prevention and mitigation of bushfires that may arise out of incidents involving protected installations.

#### **602 Application of Part—protected supply networks**

A person may do any thing in relation to a protected supply network that is otherwise prohibited by regulations 603 to 619 if—

- (a) the person does that thing with the written permission of the owner or operator of the protected supply network and complies with any conditions imposed by the owner or operator in giving the permission; or
- (b) the person—
  - (i) is employed or engaged by the owner or operator of a protected supply network; and
  - (ii) is authorised by the owner or operator to do that thing in relation to its protected supply network.

#### **603 Protected infrastructure—striking objects**

A person must not throw, hit, kick, launch, discharge, fire or project, or cause to be thrown, hit, kicked, launched, discharged, fired or projected, any object—

- (a) with intent to strike any part of a protected infrastructure; or
- (b) if there is significant risk that the object will strike any part of a protected infrastructure.

Penalty: 10 penalty units.

**604 Protected infrastructure—aircraft, kites, remotely piloted aircraft etc.**

- (1) A person must not launch, release, operate, fly or land any aircraft, airship, unmanned aircraft, remotely piloted aircraft, rocket, glider, hang glider, hot air balloon, parachute, mechanically propelled model aircraft, model glider or kite within 45 metres of protected infrastructure that is above the ground.

Penalty: 10 penalty units.

- (2) Subregulation (1) does not apply to a person who lands an aircraft, airship, glider, hang glider, hot air balloon or parachute if the landing was reasonably necessary in the particular circumstances.
- (3) Subregulation (1) does not apply to a remotely piloted aircraft that weighs less than 2 kilograms and does not come closer to protected infrastructure set out in Row A of Table 604 than the relevant minimum distance specified in Row B of that Table that corresponds to that protected infrastructure.

**Table 604—Minimum distances from remotely piloted aircraft to protected infrastructure**

	<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>
Row A Protected infrastructure	An aerial line supported by poles and any protected infrastructure associated with the aerial line	An aerial line supported by towers and any protected infrastructure associated with the aerial line
Row B Minimum distance from the protected infrastructure in all directions	3000 mm	6000 mm

**605 Protected infrastructure—entangled objects**

A person must not pull or interfere with any object resting on or entangled in protected infrastructure unless the action is reasonably necessary to prevent or reduce injury to any person or damage to property.

Penalty: 10 penalty units.

**606 Protected infrastructure—blasting and fires**

A person must not—

- (a) carry out blasting or cause blasting to be done; or
- (b) light, cause to be lit or allow to remain alight any fire; or
- (c) install equipment or operate processes likely to create an explosive atmosphere—

in the vicinity of protected infrastructure in such a manner that the protected infrastructure is likely to be destabilised or damaged or an explosion is likely to occur.

Penalty: 20 penalty units.