

FORM: Emergency restoration of a Private Aerial Line (PAL) in a Hazardous Bushfire Risk Area

Regulation 237 - Electricity Safety (General) Regulations 2019



If you are located in a Hazardous Bushfire Risk Area (HBRA) and require an emergency restoration of a Private Aerial Line (PAL), including Private Service Line's (PSL), **complete and return both pages of this form**. Note these may also be referred to as POELs or Private Overhead Electric Lines.

Owner / Agent information

If undertaking is completed by an authorised agent of the owner (a copy of the authorisation is to be attached).

Name _____ Date _____

Property address _____

Suburb _____ Postcode _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Owner / Agent undertaking

I acknowledge that the distribution company responsible for my electrical distribution area has given notice that PALs located on the property address stated above, require substantial reconstruction as defined by the Electricity Safety (General) Regulations 2019 (the Regulations).

Tick one:

- I have obtained the services of the Registered Electrical Contractor (REC) named below, to carry out emergency restoration of **the Private Aerial Line (PAL)**, and therefore undertake to have the PAL replaced with an underground electric line or disconnected from the electricity supply **within 60 days from the date stated above**, as required by regulation 237(5)(a) or (c) of the Regulations; or
- I have obtained the services of the Registered Electrical Contractor (REC) named below, to carry out emergency restoration of the PAL being a **Private Service Line (PSL)**.

I undertake to have the PSL reconstructed to meet the alternative compliance requirements of regulation 235, or be replaced with an underground electric line or disconnected from the electricity supply **within 60 days from the date stated above**, as required by regulation 237(5). I understand a PSL shall not be reconstructed in an electric line construction area as per regulation 237(5)(b).

I understand it is a criminal offence to fail to comply with this undertaking and that penalties apply.

I also acknowledge that due to the repairs being an emergency restoration, the PAL may be disconnected by the distribution company for safety reasons on days of total fire ban.

I understand I will require the services of an REC to carry out the work required to replace the PAL or PSL.

I also understand that an REC is required to issue me a Certificate of Electrical Safety (COES) for each of these works.

I hereby give the above undertaking.

Signature _____ Date _____

NOTE: To prevent enforcement action, the Owner / Agent must notify ESV by email pal@energysafe.vic.gov.au **within five business days** of completion of the reconstruction of this electrical line. Quote the ESV reference code and COES number issued by the REC.

REC to complete

REC name	_____	REC No.	_____
Name of electrician on site	_____	Licence No.	_____
Contact number	_____		
NMI / Meter No.	_____		
ESV Reference code	_____		

REC Request and acknowledgement

To be completed prior to commencing the restoration work.

As the person responsible for the emergency restoration work at the above address, I request a Reference code from ESV.

I acknowledge that I am required by regulation 237(3) of the Regulations to provide the above undertaking from the owner and a copy of the COES for the work to ESV within five business days after the completion of the emergency restoration. I understand it is a criminal offence to fail to comply with this requirement. Penalties apply.

I understand if requested by ESV, I may need to provide ESV with a digital photograph or copy of the written undertaking prior to the ESV Reference code being issued. An ESV enforcement officer may issue the Reference code to me upon receiving a copy of the undertaking signed by the owner.

Please submit this undertaking and the COES to ESV by email pal@energysafe.vic.gov.au or by post to the address below.

Att. PAL Installation Safety
Energy Safe Victoria
PO Box 262
Collins Street West VIC 8007

Signature _____ Date _____

Contact Energy Safe Victoria

For more information, call our electrical incidents line 1800 000 922 (toll free).