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Electricity Safety Bill – consultation draft submission

Submission instructions

Thank you for taking the time to review the Electricity Safety Bill and provide feedback.

To help with coordinating the review and tracking of responses, please following these instructions.

- 1 Please use the Submission Response Details sheet below to provide a response, including any suggested improvements.
- 2 Only document a response to a clause where you have a concern or issue, or a suggested enhancement.
- 3 Document the clause number (e.g 22), subclause (e.g. (2)) and paragraph e.g. (a) (as appropriate, e.g. for 22(2)(a)) in the column provided for each issue/suggestion you have.
- 4 If you are happy with a clause, there is no need to document anything.
- 5 Where no response is documented for a clause, it will be considered as an indication that you are happy with the clause as is.
- 6 Where you have an electricity safety issue or concern that is not covered in the Bill, please document it in the columns provided, without a clause, subclause and paragraph specification.
- 7 If you have no issues, concerns or suggested enhancements, please email John Britten (john.britten@justice.tas.gov.au) and acknowledge that is the case by 5 pm 28 February 2020.

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| | | | Hydro Tasmania and Entura currently use the facility of Electrical Safety Management Schemes as an alternative to the requirements of the. Occupational Licencing Act. ie to allow employees who do not hold an electrical practitioner's licence to perform a limited scope of electrical work. The new Electricity Safety Bill refers to an Electrical Safety Management System. This is directed towards owners/managers of distribution and transmission assets, not owners/managers of generation assets or a service provider. | Allow for the current use of Electrical Safety Management Schemes to continue without the additional requirements of AS5577, albeit under the title of an Electrical Safety Management System. | |
| Part 1 Preliminary | Serious Electrical Accident | с) | There is a growing use of standalone solar storage systems eg electric gate openers, etc. This equipment is readily available to for anyone to purchase and install. Is it the intention of this Bill to include extra low voltage storage systems as "in Scope electrical equipment? These systems can have large fault currents which can cause serious burns | Include fault current as a consideration as to whether or not a piece of electrical equipment is "In Scope". | |
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