



**EXEMPTION FROM THE REQUIREMENTS
SPECIFIED IN REGULATION 7(3)(a)(i)
OF THE
THE ELECTRICITY SAFETY (BUSHFIRE
MITIGATION) REGULATIONS 2013**

granted to

**AusNet Electricity Services Pty Ltd
(ABN 91 064 651 118)**

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1. EXEMPTION

Energy Safe Victoria (*ESV*), under regulation 13 of the Electricity Safety (Bushfire Mitigation) Regulations 2013 (*the Regulations*), hereby exempts AusNet Electricity Services Pty Ltd ABN 91 064 651 118 (*AusNet Services*) from compliance with regulation 7(3)(a)(i) in relation to any Bushfire Mitigation Plan it submits to *ESV* prior to 29 April 2021.

2. CONDITIONS OF EXEMPTION

The exemption in clause 1 is granted subject to the following conditions:

- 2.1. By 1 January 2020, *AusNet Services* must ensure that a sufficient number of its zone substations have the *required capacity* in order to achieve no less than 23 points when the points for each *complying substation* listed in the table set out in Schedule 2 of *the Regulations* are totalled.
- 2.2. By 1 November 2020, *AusNet Services* must ensure that a sufficient number of its zone substations have the *required capacity* in order to achieve no less than 28 points when the points for each *complying substation* listed in the table set out in Schedule 2 of *the Regulations* are totalled.
- 2.3. *AusNet Services* must report on a monthly basis to *ESV* its progress in implementing the *plan* to achieve compliance with regulation 7(3)(a)(i) of *the Regulations*.

3. BREACH OF CONDITIONS

- 3.1. If *ESV* considers *AusNet Services* has breached the conditions set out in clause 2, *ESV* will notify *AusNet Services* of the breach and give *AusNet Services* 20 business days' notice to remedy the breach.
- 3.2. If *AusNet Services* fails to remedy the breach prior to the expiration of the period given in the notice, *ESV* may:
 - 3.2.1. revoke the exemption in clause 1; and
 - 3.2.2. require *AusNet Services* to submit a revised *Bushfire Mitigation Plan* that complies with regulation 7(3)(a)(i) of *the Regulations*.

4. DURATION OF THE EXEMPTION

- 4.1. The exemption takes effect on the date on which the Director of Energy Safety signs this exemption document.
- 4.2. The exemption ends on 29 April 2021.
- 4.3. *AusNet Services* may at any time before 29 April 2021 request that the exemption be revoked, in which case the term of the exemption ends on the day agreed between *AusNet Services* and *ESV*.

5. INTERPRETATION

- 5.1. In this exemption—

Plan means the delivery plan that AusNet Services provided to ESV on 3 October 2019;

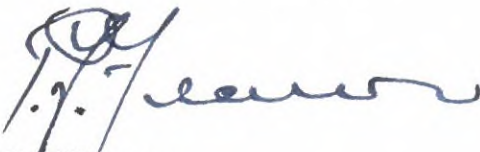
Bushfire Mitigation Plan has the meaning it has in the Electricity Safety Act 1998 (*the Act*);

Required capacity has the meaning it has in *the Regulations*.

Complying Substation has the meaning it has in *the Act*.

- 5.2. In this document, unless the context requires otherwise, words denoting the singular include the plural and vice versa.

Date: 21 November 2019



Paul Fearon

DIRECTOR OF ENERGY SAFETY