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## Community (Group) Title and Cluster Developments

Electrical contractors are reminded that Ergon Energy will provide one connection point to community title scheme or cluster development installation.



### Overhead reticulation

The main switchboard located on common property and all metering equipment shall be located at one position on common property with twelve customers or units per metering point.

1. When cluster or community development consists of multi-tenanted buildings, additional meter positions on common property may be permitted.
2. Where additional community metering points are approved by the metering provider each shall be treated as a separate NMI (refer to QECMM drawing No 7.8)

### Underground reticulation

The requirements for a customer owned underground reticulated development are the same as 1 & 2 above, or; if the underground reticulation is owned by the distributor, then the consumer mains for each individual unit are installed on common property and connected to the distributor reticulation with the metering equipment located at the unit. (Refer to QECMM clause 7.7.1, 7.7.3 and 7.9)

Note: Where more than three consumer mains are connected to a pillar, approval must be obtained from the distributor

# Information round-up

## Return of RECESS

Ergon Energy is planning a RECESS (Residential Electrical Contractors Engagement Sessions) session in June 2014. It is anticipated there will be nine events across Queensland to bring you the latest information on customer tariffs, regulatory change, process changes in Ergon Energy and other topics. As always it is a great opportunity to keep up to date with the latest developments that impact how you work. So you don't miss out on an invitation, e-mail [electricalcontractors@ergon.com.au](mailto:electricalcontractors@ergon.com.au) giving your name and contact number.

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## \$100 hot water cashback ends June

The next time you're on a job, help your customer save money by switching their hot water system from Tariff 11 to an economy Tariff 33 or Tariff 31. Residential customers will be able to claim \$100 cashback from Ergon Energy if the work is done prior to 30 June 2014 (and the application is lodged by midnight on 31 July 2014). They will join over 65 per cent of customers who already enjoy the discounts offered by these off-peak tariffs. Go to [www.ergon.com.au/your-home/save-on-your-bill/hot-water-cash-back-offer](http://www.ergon.com.au/your-home/save-on-your-bill/hot-water-cash-back-offer) for more details.

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## YourPowerQld.com.au

If your customers need help making electrical decisions, refer them to [YourPowerQld.com.au](http://YourPowerQld.com.au). It provides a comprehensive site for the home owner, builder, renovator, or tenant to source detailed energy advice. You will find everything from tips on home design and building materials, to energy saving tools and calculators. YourPowerQld has been tailored specifically with Queensland customers in mind.

# Common standards for solar PV industry

Ergon Energy and Energex are working with the solar PV industry to develop common standards for IES systems across Queensland.

The major aspects of the draft standards include:

- IES applications for inverter systems up to 30kVA will not be subject to technical assessment if they are for systems to be export limited in an approved manner, except those for premises on Ergon's isolated networks.
- Reactive power settings will be mandatory on IESs with export capacity greater than 2kVA. (Ergon) and 3kVA (Energex).
- A revised assessment standard will determine when IES applications are subject to preliminary or full assessment, based on the rated capacity of the inverter. A fee for these assessments is being considered.
- Rules for battery energy storage systems.

The standards are available from Ergon's website at [www.ergon.com.au/contractors,-suppliers--and--developers/solar-pv-installers/new-connection-standard](http://www.ergon.com.au/contractors,-suppliers--and--developers/solar-pv-installers/new-connection-standard).

Those involved in the industry are welcome to review and comment on the draft standards.

Workshops will be held in Townsville and Brisbane in May. Details are available on the website.

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