

Under the [Planning Regulation 2017](#), we are triggered as a Referral Agency for a development that could affect the operation of our electricity distribution network.

Types of developments referred to us

We act as a Referral Agency in the following situations:

- Reconfiguring a lot, if any part of the lot is subject to an Ergon Energy easement and/or located within 100 metres of a substation site.
- Material change of use of premises, if any part of the premises is subject to an Ergon Energy easement and/or is situated within 100 metres of a substation site.
- Operational work (filling or excavation), if any part of the premises is subject to an Ergon Energy easement and the work is located completely or partly within the easement and/or the work is located completely or partly within 10 metres of a substation site.

For a full list of referral triggers, please see Schedule 10 of the [Planning Regulation 2017](#).

For any development close to substations and powerlines, it's vital that it does not jeopardise community safety, or the safe operation of our network. Unmanaged development around electrical infrastructure can result in injury or in the worst case, loss of life. Even if we are not triggered as a Referral Agency, we strongly recommend consultation with us as to how to develop safely around powerlines.

State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA)

SARA only refers to other state government departments, however referrals are often required to other agencies as well. We are one such Referral Agency. In some cases, an applicant may need to refer a development to both SARA and to us. Councils need to be aware of this when drafting Confirmation Notices.

Confirming referral triggers

SARA's [Development Approval Mapping System](#) can be used to confirm substation referral triggers, as it includes data that identifies our substations. Confirming the presence of easements should be done by

Referrable Substations



Figure 1: Above is an example of a Zone Substation. Development within 100 metres of this site would trigger referral to us.

Non-Referrable Substations



Figure 2: Above is an example of a pad mount transformer. This would not trigger referral to us.



Figure 3: Above is an example of a service pillar. This would not trigger referral to us.

the applicant by obtaining a current title search. Our online [Referral Enquiry Form](#) can also be used to contact us for advice on both easement and substation referral triggers.

Contact us

For more information about our Referral Agency visit our website or contact us at:

- www.ergon.com.au/referralagency
- 13 74 66 (7am to 5:30pm, Monday to Friday)
- townplanning@ergon.com.au

And, for more information about working safely near powerlines, please see our [working safely near powerlines information](#).

