

Media release

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Canberra residents reminded to keep clear and keep safe

Due to an increasing number of network infrastructure access issues, ActewAGL has launched a new campaign called *Substations, mini pillars and safety* to remind ACT residents about the importance of keeping plants, shrubs and other obstructions clear of substations, mini pillars and meters.

Of the 2,500 inspections that have been conducted since October 2008, a total of 708 notifications have been generated requesting obstructions to be cleared from near network infrastructure.

ActewAGL General Manager Networks Michael Charlton said, "Some home owners tend to try and hide utility assets such as meters, substations and mini pillars and this can cause access issues, create potential safety hazards, and hinder the efficient operation of the electricity network."

The campaign's key messages are as follows.

- Plants, shrubs and other obstructions must be kept clear of network infrastructure, which includes substations, mini pillars and meters.
- In most cases the minimum clearance is 1.5 metres.
- ActewAGL inspectors will issue notices to land owners and occupiers if plants, shrubs and other obstructions are too close to, or interfere with, network infrastructure.

For more information please visit www.actewagl.com.au/safety/access