

# BUILDING SAFELY NEAR POWERLINES

Electricity Infrastructure Declaration under clause 6, Schedule 8 of the  
*Planning, Development and Infrastructure (General) Regulations 2017*

To:
From:

Date of application:		
Location of proposed development:		
House no.:	Lot no.:	Street:
Town/Suburb:		
Section no.:	Hundred:	
Volume:	Folio:	

Nature of proposed development:
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Name:

- I am the applicant
- I am a person acting on behalf of the applicant

The *Electricity (General) Regulations 2012* prescribes minimum safety clearance distances from powerlines, dependent on the type and voltage of the powerline. For more information, visit [www.sa.gov.au/topics/energy-and-environment/safe-energy-use/powerline-safety/building-safely-near-powerlines](http://www.sa.gov.au/topics/energy-and-environment/safe-energy-use/powerline-safety/building-safely-near-powerlines).

Does the proposed development comply with the minimum safety clearance distances from powerlines under the *Electricity (General) Regulations 2012*?

- Yes – I declare that developing in accordance with the plans submitted will comply with the minimum safety clearance distances.
- No – By selecting no, your application will be referred to the Office of the Technical Regulator by the relevant authority.
- The application is for electricity infrastructure or the housing of electricity infrastructure as defined under the *Electricity Act 1996*.

Signed:

Date:



**Note 1**

This declaration is only relevant to those development applications seeking authorisation for a form of development that involves the construction of a building (there is a definition of 'building' contained in section 3(1) of the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016*), other than where the development is limited to –

- (a) an internal alteration of a building; or
- (b) an alteration to the walls of a building but not so as to alter the shape of the building.

**Note 2**

The requirements of section 86 of the *Electricity Act 1996* do not apply in relation to:

- (a) an aerial line and a fence, sign or notice that is less than 2.0 metres in height and is not designed for a person to stand on; or
- (b) a service line installed specifically to supply electricity to the building or structure by the operator of the transmission or distribution network from which the electricity is being supplied.

**Note 3**

Section 86 of the *Electricity Act 1996* refers to the erection of buildings in proximity to powerlines. The regulations under this Act prescribe minimum safe clearance distances that must be complied with.

**Note 4**

The majority of applications will not have any powerline issues, as normal residential setbacks often cause the building to comply with the prescribed powerline clearance distances. Buildings/renovations located far away from powerlines, for example towards the back of properties, will usually also comply.

Particular care needs to be taken where high voltage powerlines exist; or where the development:

- is on a major road;
- commercial/industrial in nature; or
- built to the property boundary.

**Note 5**

An information brochure: 'Building Safely Near Powerlines' has been prepared by the Technical Regulator to assist applicants and other interested persons.

This brochure is available from council and the Office of the Technical Regulator. The brochure and other relevant information can also be found at [www.sa.gov.au/topics/energy-and-environment/safe-energy-use/powerline-safety/building-safely-near-powerlines](http://www.sa.gov.au/topics/energy-and-environment/safe-energy-use/powerline-safety/building-safely-near-powerlines)

**Note 6**

In cases where applicants have obtained a written approval from the Technical Regulator to build the development specified above in its current form within the prescribed clearance distances, the applicant is able to sign the form.