

ETU SUBMISSION ON MODEL WS&H REGS

The ETU supports all the submissions made by the following blue collar Unions – AMWU, CFMEU, AWU, MUA and Unions WA and its affiliates more broadly.

The following is the ETU submission regarding Electrical - work, testing and general installations.

WH&S Regs 2011 regs 157, 158,159, 160, 161 and 162 should make reference to working 'on or near energised electrical equipment as high-risk work'. An enforceable code of practice on 'working on or near energised electrical equipment', similar to that introduced in November 2017 in Western Australia, and mentioned in our Electricity Licensing Regs 1991 **should be adopted nationally** and be referenced in the WH&S Regs 2011 with regard to these regs.

The mention of adding OH&S Reg 3.59B –'working in roof spaces', into WH&S 2011 Reg 154 has already been recommended.

WH&S Regs 164 and 165 regarding RCD's and testing of RCD's should have our OH&S Regs 1996 regs 3.60 (2), (3), (4), (5) and 3.61, 3.62 and 3.63 added for more specific wordings and items of regulation.

WH&S Regs 2011 Division 7 & Reg 166 - Overhead and underground electric lines, should have OH&S Regs 1996 reg 3.64 added for greater definition of 'danger zones' for overhead work.

Lastly, and this relates mainly to residential construction, OH&S Regs 1996 reg 3.65 'When electricity to be connected to construction site'. Add this to WH&S Regs 2011.

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