



Technical Bulletin

TB 0211 - Restriction in the Use of Preservatives on Wood Poles in Environmentally Sensitive Areas

Purpose

The purpose of this technical bulletin is to inform Endeavour Energy staff and contractors of the restrictions in the use of preservatives on wood poles located in environmentally sensitive areas.

Background

Wood poles are generally treated with preservatives after inspecting the condition of the pole below ground. Preservative treatments include:

- Ausplast bandages which are wrapped around the pole below ground; and
- Pole saver rods which are inserted inside the wood pole (only applicable to poles that have heartrot).

MMI0001 (clause 5.2.4) states that no groundline treatment or termiticide is to be applied to wood poles located in water catchment areas as the chemicals used in the preservatives could potentially have an impact on the surrounding environment.

However, this risk also applies to other environmentally sensitive areas, including:

- Organic farms; and
- Cattle Care areas.

Actions

No groundline treatment or termiticide shall be applied to wood poles located in organic farms and Cattle Care areas (as with poles located in water catchment areas).

Implementation

OLI/GLI shall inform the pole and line inspectors of the requirements set in this technical bulletin.

Impacted Standards

The contents of this technical bulletin will be included in the next update of the following standard(s):

MMI0001 – Pole and Line Inspection and Treatment Procedure