

2 June 2026

File Ref: 260318

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Dear Mark

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received on 1 April 2026. You requested:

Please provide all of the advice WorkSafe provided to MBIE during the development of the Electrical (Safety) Amendment Regulations 2025 that relates to removal of clauses 2.3.2.1.2 (b) and (c) from AS/NZS3000:2018.

On 29 April 2026, we notified you of an extension to the time limit for deciding on your request by an additional 20 working days.

Information being released

Given the nature of the recommended change, there is little detailed documentation of the recommendation and how it was formulated. This was appropriate given the recommendation was made as a preparatory step, with the intention that the restriction would be replaced by specific guidance relevant to each scenario, and it was not intended to permit 'switching' of these conductors without introducing substitute controls to provide for safety.

Please find attached the following documents.

Item	Document Date	Document Title	Decision
1.	23 June 2023	Extract - Streamlined standards table for Cabinet paper CB Comments to update to Dec 2022 new	Release extract in full
2.	27 June 2023	Email WorkSafe to MBIE: Workshopping the Energy Safety Standards Cabinet paper	Release with redactions
3.	27 February 2024	Extract - Regs review	Release extract in full
4.	14 March 2024	Extract - Standards tables from Energy Safety as at 7 March	Release extract in full
5.	25 June 2024	Extract from Paper: Further information about changes to standards included in Energy Safety Standards Update	Release extract in full

I have decided to release the relevant parts of the documents listed above subject to personal information being withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act, with any information not relevant to your request removed and noted as "out of scope":

- s9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Act.

This reply addresses the information you requested. You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision, and further information is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

If you require further assistance, please contact ministerial.services@worksafe.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Handforth', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Darren Handforth
Acting Head of Inspectorate