

TasNetworks Waiver Register

This register is maintained and made publicly available in accordance with clause 5.7 of the Australian Energy Regulator’s (AER) Distribution and Transmission Ring-Fencing Guidelines (the Guidelines).

As per the Guidelines, TasNetworks must include:

5.7(b)i. *the description of the conduct to which the waiver or interim waiver applies; and*

5.7(b)ii. *the terms and conditions of the waiver or interim waiver;*

as set out in the AER’s written decision, provided by the AER to the DNSP or TNSP, to grant (or vary) the waiver or interim waiver.

The table below sets out a register of all waivers granted to TasNetworks, and includes a title, the duration, a description of the conduct to which the waiver applies and the terms and conditions.

Waiver Title	Duration	Waiver Description	Terms and Conditions
Distribution ring-fencing class waiver for DNSP-led projects funded under the Australian Government’s Community Batteries for Household Solar Program	3 February 2023 – 30 June 2041	The Australian Energy Regulator (AER) decided to grant a ring-fencing class waiver from clauses 3.1 and 4.2.1 and 4.2.2 of the Distribution Ring-Fencing Guideline for DNSP-led projects that meet the classes and criteria of this waiver.	<p>The scope of this class waiver is limited to DNSP-led projects where the battery asset is funded under the Australian Government’s Community Batteries for Household Solar Program (administered by the Business Grants Hub or ARENA), where:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. the asset is wholly excluded from the DNSP’s RAB; or b. what is allocated to the DNSP’s RAB is only the part of the total cost of the asset that reflects the proportionate share (that relates to direct control services) of the total quantified benefit that is forecast at the time the investment decision is made, where: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. prior to the RAB allocation at the DNSP’s next regulatory proposal, the DNSP includes in its regulatory proposal evidence, and a report from an independent auditor, that confirms compliance with this provision b); ii. the DNSP may use the Government contribution to offset costs (regulated or unregulated) either partially or fully but may not exceed the total cost allocation to a particular stack (regulated or unregulated); iii. the total cost of the battery allocated to the RAB must be an amount equal to or less than the forecast network benefit; and iv. definitions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the total quantified benefit is the sum of both the forecast network benefit (quantified benefit derived from the deployment of the asset for direct control services) and the forecast non-network benefit (quantified benefit accruing to the DNSP derived from the deployment of the asset for other distribution service and other services) over its economic life. <p>Criteria</p> <p>The following criteria apply to projects that fall within class (b):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A DNSP must comply with the Cost Allocation Principles that require a DNSP to appropriately allocate and attribute costs for use of the asset between direct control services, other distribution services, and other services. 2. A DNSP must provide, as part of that DNSP’s independently audited annual ring-fencing compliance report that is required under clause 6.2 if the Guideline. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. the total quantified benefit derived from the deployment of the asset or all services over the most recent financial year; b. the total quantified benefit derived from the deployment of the asset from direct control services over the most recent financial year; c. the total quantified benefit derived from the deployment of the asset from other distribution services and other services over the most recent financial year; and d. a comparison of the uses (volume and frequency) of the battery that confirms the usage by the DNSP and usage by its retail partner (or other third party), including the initial proposed allocation as a baseline against which actual usage of the assets can be compared.

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TasNetworks entering Private Underground Electricity Cable (PUEC) asset information into the Before You Dig Australia (BYDA) database	2 February 2026 – 30 June 2029	The AER decided to grant a ring-fencing waiver from clause 3.1(b) of the Distribution Ring-Fencing Guideline.	<p>TasNetworks currently records its regulated assets in BYDA. This waiver allows TasNetworks to extend this function to PUEC by providing the following services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receiving PUEC drawings from electrical contractors and customers. • • Seeking further information from the electrical contractors and customers if PUEC drawings are inadequate. • Entering PUEC data into TasNetworks' internal Geospatial Information System and sending to BYDA. • Recording information and associated disclaimers / limitations of information with BYDA. • Recovering the administrative costs of providing PUEC services.