

## Electrical Isolation SWMS

Electrical isolation processes including preparation for electrical work, site set and use of tools and equipment, working on or near asbestos, isolation principles, identification and assessment of energy sources and isolation points, risk assessment, planning, safety observer, confirming and recording phase rotation, (LOTO), proving de-energisation, working on de-energised equipment, leaving unfinished work, confirming on return, restoring power and records, and low voltage arc control. Includes PPE Table.

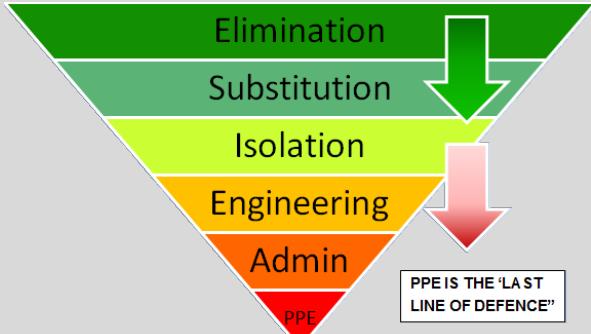
<b>Organisational Details</b>	Company Name:	SKE Electrical Pty Ltd		Approval Date:			
	Company Address:	Unit 2, 51 Pacific Highway, Bennetts Green NSW 2290		Next Review Date:			
	Director / Manager Name:			Contact Number:			
	Type of SWMS:	Generic (multiple projects, jobs, or work requests)		<input type="checkbox"/>	Site specific (complete section below)		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Site Specific Details</b>	Principle Contractor:	n/a	Contact Number:				n/a
	Site Manager or Supervisor Name:	n/a					n/a
	Site Address:	n/a	Other PCBU's:				n/a
<b>SWMS Details</b>	What high risk work activities are covered by this SWMS?	Work on or near energised electrical installations or services.					
	What is the scope of the works?	Scope of work includes the physical work of installing, maintaining, repairing, altering, removing, or adding to an electrical installation.					
	Who else was consulted/involved in preparing this SWMS?	Workers / employees	<input type="checkbox"/>	Principle Contractor	<input type="checkbox"/>	NECA	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Additional compliance measures:	Pre-start Hazard Risk Assessment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Toolbox Talk	<input type="checkbox"/>	Workplace Safety Inspection	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Sign off</b>	Person responsible for ensuring compliance with SWMS:						
	Contact Number:			Responsible persons signature:			
	Date:						

Training / Licensing Requirements	Construction industry general induction (White Card)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senior First Aid Training	<input type="checkbox"/>	LVR/CPR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Working at Heights	<input type="checkbox"/>	Asbestos Awareness	<input type="checkbox"/>	Working with Asbestos of a Minor nature	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Elevated Work Platform class SL	<input type="checkbox"/>	Elevated Work Platform class VL	<input type="checkbox"/>	Elevated Work Platform class TL	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Elevated Work Platform class BL	<input type="checkbox"/>	Elevated Work Platform Licence class WP	<input type="checkbox"/>	Scaffolding	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Electrical trades Licence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Air Conditioning / Refrigeration Trade Licence	<input type="checkbox"/>	Accredited Service Provider Authorisation / permit / rescue	<input type="checkbox"/>
	(Other):	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Other):	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Other):	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Personal Protective Equipment	Arc Rated clothing HRC 1 (ATPV 4cal/cm <sup>2</sup> min)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Arc Rated clothing HRC 2 (ATPV 8cal/cm <sup>2</sup> min)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Arc Rated clothing HRC 3 (ATPV 25cal/cm <sup>2</sup> min)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Arc Rated clothing HRC 4 (ATPV 40cal/cm <sup>2</sup> min)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Double insulated gloves	<input type="checkbox"/>	Insulated gloves	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Low Voltage Rescue Kit	<input type="checkbox"/>	Defibrillator	<input type="checkbox"/>	First Aid Kit	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Insulated Mat	<input type="checkbox"/>	Insulated barriers	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lock Out Tag Out kit	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Safety boots	<input type="checkbox"/>	Eye protection	<input type="checkbox"/>	Respiratory equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Safety Helmet	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hearing protection	<input type="checkbox"/>	Barricading and signage	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Communication equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Torch / lighting	<input type="checkbox"/>	Harness and other fall protection equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>
	(Other):	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Other):	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Other):	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>Chemicals</b>	PVC Cement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Diesel Fuel	<input type="checkbox"/>	Petrol Fuel	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Silicone Spray	<input type="checkbox"/>	Multi-Purpose Grease	<input type="checkbox"/>	Silicone	<input type="checkbox"/>
	MAPP Gas / LPG	<input type="checkbox"/>	Oxygen / Acetylene	<input type="checkbox"/>	Multi-Use Lubricant Spray (WD-40)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Nitrogen	<input type="checkbox"/>	Refrigerants	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Other):	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Multi-Jurisdictional Reference Material**

<b>Jurisdictions</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Safety Legislation</b>	<b>Regulator and Contact Number</b>	<b>Codes of Practice</b>
<b>Harmonised Jurisdictions</b>	<b>NSW</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Act: Work Health and Safety Act 2011 (NSW) Regulation: Work Health and Safety Regulation 2017 (NSW)	Regulator: SafeWork NSW Number: 13 10 50	<p>Note: To have legal effect in a jurisdiction a model Code of Practice must be approved as a code of practice in that jurisdiction. To find if a model Code of Practice has been approved in a particular jurisdiction, check with the relevant work health and safety regulator.</p> <p>Managing Electrical Risks in the Workplace Code of Practice.</p>
	<b>ACT</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Act: Work Health and Safety Act 2011 (ACT) Regulation: Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011 (ACT)	Regulator: WorkSafe ACT Number: 13 22 81	
	<b>QLD</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Act: Work Health and Safety Act 2011 (Qld) Regulation: Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011 (Qld)	Regulator: Workplace Health and Safety Queensland Number: 1300 369 915	
	<b>NT</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Act: Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Act 2011 (NT) Regulation: Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Regulations (NT)	Regulator: NT WorkSafe Number: 1800 019 115	
	<b>SA</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Act: Work Health and Safety Act 2012 (SA) Regulation: Work Health and Safety Regulation 2012 (SA)	Regulator: SafeWork SA Number: 1300 365 255	
	<b>TAS</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Act: Work Health and Safety Act 2012 (Tas) Regulation: Work Health and Safety Regulation 2012 (Tas)	Regulator: WorkSafe Tasmania Number: 1300 366 322	
	<b>CTH</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Act: Work Health and Safety Act 2011 (Cth) Regulation: Work Health and Safety Regulations 2011 (Cth)	Regulator: Comcare Number: 1300 366 979	
	<b>NZ</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Act: Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 (NZ)	Regulator: WorkSafe New Zealand Number: 0800 030 040	
<b>VIC</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Act: Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004 (Vic) Regulation: Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2017 (Vic)	Regulator: WorkSafe Victoria Number: 1800 136 089	Preventing electric shocks to electricians.
<b>WA</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Act: Occupational Safety and Health Act 1984 (WA) Regulation: Occupational Safety and Health Regulations 1996 (WA)	Regulator: WorkSafe WA Number: 1300 307 877	Code of Practice for Persons working on or near energised electrical installations
<b>Standards</b>	AS/NZS 3000:2018 (Wiring Rules), AS/NZS 4836:2011 (Safe working on Electrical Installations), AS/NZS 3012:2010 (Electrical Installations – Demolition & Construction Sites) NENS-09- "Guide to the selection, use and maintenance of PPE for electrical arc hazard", ISSC14- Guide to electrical workers' safety equipment. AS/NZS 4836:2011 Safe working on or near low-voltage electrical installations and equipment				
<b>SWP</b>	NECA SWP-011 Electrical Isolation (Lockout Tagout) NECA SWP-035 Test for de-energised (DEAD)				

Hierarchy of Controls		Definitions									
 <p>The pyramid diagram illustrates the Hierarchy of Controls. From top to bottom, the levels are: Elimination (green), Substitution (green), Isolation (light green), Engineering (yellow), Admin (orange), and PPE (red). A large green arrow points down from Elimination to Substitution. A pink arrow points down from Isolation to Engineering. A small blue arrow points down from Admin to PPE. A box at the bottom right of the pyramid states: "PPE IS THE 'LAST LINE OF DEFENCE'".</p>		<p><b>Elimination</b>: This control measure involves eliminating or removing the risk in its entirety.</p> <p><b>Substitution</b>: This form of control involves substituting a safer process or material for the hazardous process/material found.</p> <p><b>Isolation</b>: This control involves separating the hazard or hazardous work practice from employee's other work areas. This may involve sectioning off the area by erecting barriers or by moving either the hazardous work practice or the „other“ employees and their work practices.</p> <p><b>Engineering</b>: This method of control involves designing and/or adding physical safety features to plant or equipment.</p> <p><b>Admin</b>: This type of control is most effective when used in conjunction with measures mentioned above or as an interim control whilst more effective control measures are developed and implemented.</p> <p><b>PPE</b>: PPE is not a particularly effective control method and should only be used:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When all other control measures are impractical; or</li> <li>• In conjunction with other more effective, control measures.</li> </ul> </p>									
Risk Level Matrix						Risk Analysis					
 <b>NECA</b> Member		Consequence					Likelihood			Consequence	
Likelihood	5	M	H	H	H	H	1	Rare		1	Insignificant
	4	M	M	M	H	H	2	Unlikely		2	Minor
	3	L	M	M	H	H	3	Moderate		3	Moderate
	2	L	L	M	M	H	4	Likely		4	Major
	1	L	L	L	M	M	5	Almost Certain		5	Catastrophic

## Notes / Definitions

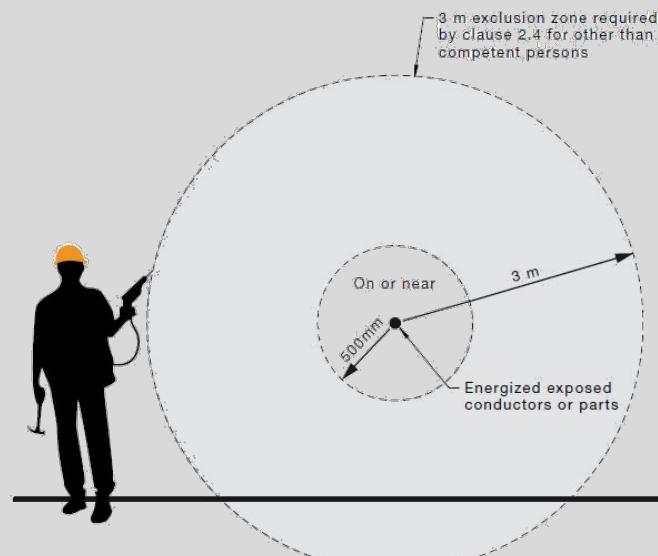
**On or near:** AS/NZS 4836:2011 (Safe working on Electrical Installations) defines 'on or near' as: A situation where an electrical worker is working on or near exposed energised conductors or live conductive parts and there is a reasonable possibility that the electrical worker's body, or any conducting medium the electrical worker may be carrying or touching during the course of the work, may come closer to the exposed energised conductors or live conductive parts than 500 mm. The term 'on or near exposed energised conductors or live conductive parts' does not apply if the uninsulated and energised part is safely and securely shielded by design or segregated and protected with barricades or insulated shrouding or insulating material to prevent inadvertent or direct contact.

**Electrical work on energised electrical equipment—when permitted (NSW, ACT, QLD, NT, SA, Tas & Cth):** Model WHS Regulation clause 157 - A person conducting a business or undertaking must ensure that electrical work on energised electrical equipment is not carried out unless:

- it is necessary in the interests of health and safety that the electrical work is carried out on the equipment while the equipment is energised, for Example. It may be necessary that life-saving equipment remain energised and operating while electrical work is carried out on the equipment,
- it is necessary that the electrical equipment to be worked on is energised in order for the work to be carried out properly,
- it is necessary for the purposes of testing to ensure the equipment is de-energised,

there is no reasonable alternative means of carrying out the work.

Illustration of 500mm 'On or near' and 3m exclusion zone



Reference: AS/NZS4836:2011

Typical tags, personal red lock, and multi-lock device



## Preparation for Electrical Work

#	Job Step / Process / Activity	Identify Hazards	Risk Level (R) and the Residual Rating (RR)				Identify Controls / Action Required	Person Responsible
			L	C	R	RR		
1	Awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of situational awareness</li> <li>• Physically or psychologically and/or mentally impaired</li> </ul>	3	4	H	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All persons, including electrical workers, supervisors, safety observers and those assisting electrical workers working on or near electrical installations or equipment, shall understand the scope of the work and the potential hazards involved in working on or near electrical installations or equipment.</li> <li>• They should be capable of always maintaining an adequate physical and mental ability when working on or near electrical installations and equipment.</li> <li>• If personnel are temporarily or permanently physically, psychologically and/or mentally impaired, e.g., under the influence of alcohol, drugs, stress, distraction, fatigue or are injured to a level that adversely affects their work performance, they shall not participate in the work.</li> </ul>	All Workers
2	Areas of reduced mobility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restriction of movement</li> <li>• Inability to readily escape</li> </ul>	3	5	H	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Care should be taken when working in areas of reduced mobility because of restriction of movement and the inability to readily escape from the area. Examples of areas of reduced mobility can be as follows:           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Awkward positions such as kneeling or laying down.</li> <li>b) Restricted areas in and around switchboards</li> <li>c) Ceiling and roof spaces</li> <li>d) Spaces under floors</li> <li>e) Ladders, scaffolds, or elevated work platforms.</li> <li>f) Trenches</li> <li>g) Pits or tunnels</li> <li>h) Confined spaces</li> </ol> </li> <li>• If work on or near energised electrical equipment is carried out in an area of reduced mobility, ensure a safety observer/rescuer is present.</li> </ul>	Electrician
3	Trafficable areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exposure to an electrical source</li> <li>• Electric shock</li> <li>• Electrocution</li> <li>• Flash burns</li> </ul>	2	3	M	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Persons working near traffic areas, including vehicular and pedestrian, should employ approved traffic management procedures, install suitable screens, barriers, signage and, if necessary, lighting for personnel safety and protection.</li> <li>• Caution should be exercised, and appropriate preventive action taken when working in a passageway or narrow access area, e.g., where a door might be inadvertently opened or closed and propel persons into an energised electrical source, it should be restrained while work is being undertaken.</li> </ul>	All Workers

4	Identify the safe area of work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exposure to an electrical source</li> <li>Electric shock</li> <li>Electrocution</li> <li>Flash burns</li> </ul>	2	3	M	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The safe area of work should be identified by erecting barriers or warning signs or by other approved means if necessary.</li> <li>All personnel who are to work in the safe area shall be advised of its limits and the location of any adjacent exposed energised conductors or live conductive parts.</li> </ul>	All Workers
5	Illumination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Poor visibility</li> <li>Electric shock</li> <li>Electrocution</li> <li>Flash burns</li> </ul>	2	3	M	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work areas shall be provided with lighting that is both adequate and suitable for the work and emergency evacuation.</li> <li>Lamps should be protected against breakage.</li> </ul>	All Workers
6	Work permit system	(Intentionally left blank)	1	1	L	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some electrical installations may have a work permit system to control access to any work being performed on or near electrical installations or equipment where potential hazards of injury to personnel or equipment damage exist.</li> <li>The work permit system should set out relevant conditions of accessing electrical equipment, electrical or mechanical isolation of equipment, use of safety observers, use of safety equipment, conditions of restoring operational status and other relevant matters.</li> </ul>	Electrician
7	Use of tools, electrical equipment, or plant with exposed conductive parts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contact with electricity.</li> <li>Electric shock</li> <li>Electrocution</li> <li>Flash burns</li> </ul>	2	4	M	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conductive items such as tape measures, rules, reinforced tapes, ladders, elevating work platforms, scaffolding and guards on portable lamps, shall not be used on or near exposed energised conductors or live conductive parts.</li> <li>NOTE: AS/NZS 1892 specifies requirements for ladders.</li> <li>Insulated tools and equipment shall be of an approved type and shall be in good order, regularly maintained and tested where required. Tools and equipment shall not be used if any doubt exists that their insulation might not be adequate.</li> </ul>	All Workers
8	Maintain separation from earth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contact with electricity.</li> <li>Electric shock</li> <li>Electrocution</li> <li>Flash burns</li> </ul>	3	5	H	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Before starting any work, check your surroundings and equipment. Voltages between phases and earth (including metal work, damp situations, other conductive surfaces, and persons nearby) can result in electric shock.</li> <li>Use insulated barriers or mats, PPE (such as insulated safety boots), insulated tools, fiberglass ladders and look for loose cable connections. If separation between yourself and earth is not possible, ensure a safety observer/rescuer is present.</li> </ul>	Electrician

9	Protective clothing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact with electricity.</li> <li>• Arc blast</li> <li>• Electric shock</li> <li>• Electrocution</li> <li>• Flash burns</li> </ul>	2	5	H	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protective clothing worn by electrical workers working on or near exposed energised conductors or live conductive parts shall be appropriate for the purpose, fit correctly, cover the full body (including the arms and legs) and be in good condition while the work is being performed.</li> <li>• All personal protective equipment (PPE) shall be selected in accordance with a risk assessment and with the type of work being performed.</li> <li>• The PPE Table below provides guidance on the selection of PPE.</li> <li>• Insulated gloves preferred.</li> </ul>	Electrician Safety Observer
10	Conductive items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact with electricity.</li> <li>• Arc blast</li> <li>• Electric shock</li> <li>• Electrocution</li> <li>• Flash burns</li> </ul>	2	4	M	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bracelets, rings, neck chains, exposed metal zips, watches and other conductive items shall not be worn while working on or near exposed energised conductors or live conductive parts.</li> <li>• If worn, earplugs or earmuffs shall not be conductive.</li> </ul>	All Workers

11	Safety Observer - triggers and requirements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inadequate rescue plan.</li> <li>• Inability to readily escape or initiate rescue.</li> <li>• Supply CPR or first aid after emergency.</li> </ul>	3	3	M	L	<p>Where this SWMS, risk assessments, procedures, or legislative requirements determine that a safety observer is necessary for any work on or near exposed energised conductors or live conductive parts, then work shall not be undertaken without the presence of a Safety Observer.</p> <p>The triggers for the requirement of a Safety Observer are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Work areas/sites of reduce mobility.</li> <li>2. Separation from earth cannot be maintained.</li> <li>3. Work on high fault level equipment and situations, greater than 20kA.</li> <li>4. Existing wiring in aged and /or poor condition, poorly installed and 'messy' and generally non-compliant.</li> <li>5. Work on exposed energised conductors or live conductive parts.</li> </ol> <p>• The Safety Observer shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) be able to warn and, if necessary, stop the work before the risks become too high</li> <li>b) not carry out any other work or function that compromises their role as a Safety Observer, i.e., the Safety Observer shall not observe more than one task at a time.</li> <li>c) be able to communicate quickly and effectively with the electrical workers performing the work.</li> <li>d) be capable of helping in the case of emergency as well as being competent to perform electrical rescue and cardiopulmonary resuscitation, as required. On an energised electrical installation, the safety observer shall be competent to perform their task and shall also be competent in electrical rescue and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).</li> <li>e) be suitably attired in personal protective equipment appropriate to the situation.</li> <li>f) not have any known temporary or permanent disabilities that would adversely affect their role and performance.</li> </ol> <p>• The presence of a Safety Observer is one of the risk control measures to ensure electrical safety when electrical work on energised circuits and electrical equipment is being carried out.</p>	Electrician, Safety Observer
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Isolation / LOTO									
#	Job Step / Process / Activity	Identify Hazards	Risk Level (R) and the Residual Rating (RR)				Identify Controls / Action Required	Person Responsible	
			L	C	R	RR			
12	Setup of worksite & using tools and equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Non-compliance with site safety rules</li> </ul>	3	4	H	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use this Safe Work Method Statement in conjunction with 'SUPP-B-MA-GT-100 General Trade Work SWMS' and any other relevant Safe Work Method Statement.</li> </ul>	Supervisors, workers	
13	Working on or near asbestos containing materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Danger to public and other workers</li> <li>Asbestos panel and dust</li> <li>Exposure to asbestos mesothelioma, asbestososis, and lung cancer</li> </ul>	2	3	M	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refer to 'PRIM-B-MA-HR-102 Asbestos SWMS'.</li> <li>Install barriers, as appropriate.</li> <li>Where asbestos possible wear appropriate PPE and minimise disturbance</li> <li>Dispose of asbestos waste and contaminated materials at authorised depot</li> </ul>	Supervisors, workers	
14	Isolation principles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contact with electricity.</li> <li>Arc blast</li> <li>Electric shock</li> <li>Electrocution</li> <li>Flash burns</li> </ul>	4	5	H	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work shall not be carried out on or near de-energised exposed conductors and parts until an electrical worker has:           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Positively identified the relevant electrical equipment and conductors, all of their energy sources and the isolation points.</li> <li>Isolated electrical equipment and conductors from all energy sources.</li> <li>Secured the isolation.</li> <li>Discharged, where necessary, any stored energy. e.g., capacitors.</li> <li>Proved the de-energization of all relevant electrical equipment and conductors. <b>(Please note that de-energisation will not be undertaken or proved under any circumstances, through means of a "Volt Stick" and or proximity tester. Only the use of approved Voltage Meters will be allowed to prove de-energisation)</b></li> <li>Identified the limits of the safe area of work.</li> <li>Insulated gloves preferred</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	Supervisors, workers	

15	Identification and assessment of electrical sources, equipment, and isolation points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inadvertent operation</li> <li>• Contact with electricity.</li> <li>• Arc blast</li> <li>• Electric shock</li> <li>• Electrocution</li> <li>• Flash burns</li> </ul>	2	2	L	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Test before you touch.</li> <li>• Check labelling, wiring schedules and drawings.</li> <li>• Confirm by switching where appropriate.</li> <li>• The electrical equipment to be worked on, and the proper points of isolation and all its energy sources shall be positively identified.</li> <li>• Control circuits or control systems (PLCs, emergency stops, control selector switches, etc.) shall not be used as a means of isolation, e.g., by operation of a stop button.</li> <li>• Find all alternative power supplies connected to the electrical installation. Isolation procedures should include steps to ensure isolation of all alternative supplies.</li> <li>• Avoid touching exposed conductive parts.</li> <li>• Clearly mark or label.</li> <li>• Ensure unobstructed access of electrical workers.</li> <li>• Capable of being operated quickly.</li> <li>• Use safe work practices in operating the switch, e.g., clear work area around the switch, use left hand to operate, stand to the side not in front, and look away as you operate a switch.</li> </ul>	Supervisors, workers				
16	Conduct / confirm workplace risk assessment HRA and secure area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact with electricity.</li> <li>• Arc blast</li> <li>• Electric shock</li> <li>• Electrocution</li> <li>• Flash burns</li> </ul>	3	3	M	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify tasks and appoint competent personnel for work: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Qualified licensed electrician.</li> <li>◦ Instructed persons under supervision.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Inspect the work area and identify potential hazards.</li> <li>• Identify and review available SWMSs and SWPs.</li> <li>• Confirm suitability of work processes and record additional measures.</li> </ul>	Supervisors, workers				
17	Plan and ensure coordination of activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unscheduled disruptions to others</li> <li>• Lack of coordination</li> </ul>	3	1	M	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consult person/s with management control.</li> <li>• Consult with worker and other trades in the area.</li> <li>• Notify those potentially affected by power disruption.</li> </ul>	Supervisors, workers				
18	Is Safety Observer required?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>	1	1	L	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refer to 11 for triggers and requirements of Safety Observers.</li> <li>• Refer to 'SUPP-MA-E-101 Electrical testing SWMS' for safety observer requirements when testing for dead.</li> </ul>	Supervisors, workers				

19	Safety Observer instruction (IF REQUIRED)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact with electricity.</li> <li>• Arc blast</li> <li>• Electric shock</li> <li>• Electrocution</li> <li>• Flash burns</li> </ul>	1	3	M	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refer to 11 for triggers and requirements of Safety Observers.</li> <li>• Ensure Safety Observer is competent and trained in electrical rescue and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) – current in last 12 months.</li> <li>• Instruct Safety Observer regarding:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Planned work process.</li> <li>◦ Emergency Procedures</li> <li>◦ Isolation point/s</li> <li>◦ Focus on the role of observing</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Supervisors, Safety Observer, workers
20	Select tools, test equipment and PPE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact with electricity.</li> <li>• Arc blast</li> <li>• Electric shock</li> <li>• Electrocution</li> <li>• Flash burns</li> </ul>	2	1	L	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Well maintained, suitably rated, checked &amp; tested.</li> <li>• Rated for the application and calibrated (if applicable)</li> <li>• Used properly</li> </ul>	Supervisors, workers
21	Keep work area clear of obstruction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unnecessary distraction leading to electric shock</li> </ul>	3	3	M	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear area and use appropriate barricades and signage (where necessary)</li> <li>• Maintain good housekeeping, tidy and clean</li> </ul>	Supervisors, workers
22	Confirm and record phase rotation if required for commissioning purposes prior to de-energising.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact with electricity.</li> <li>• Arc blast</li> <li>• Electric shock</li> <li>• Electrocution</li> <li>• Flash burns</li> </ul>	3	1	M	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Avoid touching exposed conductive parts.</li> <li>• Use insulated gloves.</li> </ul>	Supervisors, workers
23	Switch power at isolation point on switchboard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact with electricity.</li> <li>• Arc blast</li> <li>• Electric shock</li> <li>• Electrocution</li> <li>• Flash burns</li> </ul>	3	2	M	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prevent inadvertent contact with exposed energised components.</li> <li>• Use safe work practices in operating the switch, e.g., clear work area around the switch, use left hand to operate, stand to the side not in front, and look away as you operate a switch.</li> </ul>	Supervisors, workers

24	Secure the isolation for electrical work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact with electricity.</li> <li>• Arc blast</li> <li>• Electric shock</li> <li>• Electrocution</li> <li>• Flash burns</li> </ul>	2	2	L	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Isolating devices shall be secured in the open position or zero energy state in such a manner as to prevent inadvertent operation of the isolator.</li> <li>• Use lock and tag or personalised lock.</li> <li>• The padlocks should be uniquely keyed to prevent inadvertent removal by others. Each personal lock shall indelibly identify the person's name, company, and contact details, and if required, the date of application.</li> <li>• If more than one person is working on the same de-energised electrical installation, individuals (electricians, apprentices and/or trades assistants) should ensure their own personal lock is applied to the isolation point.</li> </ul>	Electrician first and then All Workers
25	Identification of isolation using a danger tag	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact with electricity.</li> <li>• Arc blast</li> <li>• Electric shock</li> <li>• Electrocution</li> <li>• Flash burns</li> </ul>	2	L	L		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Isolation involves using suitable warning or safety signs as well as locks or other controls to secure the isolation.</li> <li>• Where possible, a tag should be attached to normal locks at all points of isolation used to de-energise electrical equipment from its electricity supply.</li> <li>• Danger tags are not required when using dedicated personal isolation locks.</li> <li>• Danger tags are used for the duration of the electrical work to warn persons at the workplace that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ the electrical equipment is isolated,</li> <li>◦ the electricity supply must not be switched back on or reconnected,</li> <li>◦ reconnecting electricity may endanger the life of the electrical worker(s) working on the equipment.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Electrician first and then All Workers



26	Proving de-energisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact with electricity.</li> <li>• Arc blast</li> <li>• Electric shock</li> <li>• Electrocution</li> <li>• Flash burns</li> </ul>	5	H	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refer to 'SUPP-B-MA-E-101 Electrical Testing SWMS' for safety observer requirements when testing for dead.</li> <li>• Confirm power off with minimal lifting of electrical covers, e.g.:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Appliance not working,</li> <li>◦ Lights off.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• All electrical equipment and conductors shall be treated as energised, unless proven to be de-energised. Any voltage tests used to prove de-energisation shall be conducted in the following sequence:           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Test the voltage tester on a known voltage source for correct operation.</li> <li>b) Test between all conductors and a known earth.</li> <li>c) Test between all conductors.</li> <li>d) Retest the voltage tester on a known voltage source for correct operation. (Please note that de-energisation will not be undertaken or proved under any circumstances, through means of a "Volt Stick" and or proximity tester. Only the use of approved Voltage Meters will be allowed to prove de-energisation)</li> </ol> </li> <li>• Only competent persons shall perform the tests.</li> <li>• Insulated gloves preferred.</li> </ul>	Electrician first and then All Workers
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27	Lift electrical cover/s as required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electric shock from exposed electrical conductors</li> </ul>	3	4	H	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Test before you touch.</li> <li>Use test meter, lamp, or bell to detect energised.</li> <li>Make positive contact with ALL the near exposed conductor.</li> <li><b>Do not use a Proximity Sensors to prove de-energised</b></li> </ul>	Supervisors, workers
28	Work on de-energised electrical equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inadvertent operation</li> <li>Contact with electricity.</li> <li>Arc blast</li> <li>Electric shock</li> <li>Electrocution</li> <li>Flash burns</li> </ul>	5	5	H	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work on de-energised electrical equipment shall only go ahead if the electrical equipment is isolated and any other exposed conductors or conductive parts in the work area are either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>de-energised and isolated; or</li> <li>separated by barriers or an appropriate distance based on a risk assessment.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Be alert to possible changes to workplace conditions, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Possible new safety hazards or risks</li> <li>Stop work if unsafe and immediately rectify or notify your supervisor.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>TEST EVERY TIME BEFORE YOU TOUCH</b></p>	Supervisors, workers
29	Leaving unfinished work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inadvertent operation</li> <li>Contact with electricity.</li> <li>Arc blast</li> <li>Electric shock</li> <li>Electrocution</li> <li>Flash burns</li> </ul>	4	5	H	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If work is left unfinished, you must ensure that the workplace is left in a safe state: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>terminate or bond to earth (strip, twist, and tape) any exposed conductors,</li> <li>take any necessary precautions to ensure that electrical equipment cannot become inadvertently re-energised,</li> <li>Replace personal danger tags and personal (red) isolation locks, with yellow and black out-of-service tags or yellow locks,</li> <li>test all conductors before energising,</li> <li>hand over adequate information to workers taking up the unfinished work to allow them to continue the work safely.</li> <li>Follow re-energisation procedure.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Supervisors, workers



Note: Out-of-service tags or yellow locks may also be used to identify an isolation supervisor and left in place for the duration of the job. If this is the case, then the isolation supervisor needs to also use a personal (red) isolation lock when working on the electrical equipment

30	On return, confirm integrity of isolation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electric shock</li> <li>• Electrocution</li> </ul>	3	4	H	L	Check switch/es and confirm isolation by re-testing, as above	Supervisors, workers
31	Restoring Power	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inadvertent operation</li> <li>• Contact with electricity.</li> <li>• Arc blast</li> <li>• Electric shock</li> <li>• Electrocution</li> <li>• Flash burns</li> </ul>	3	5	H	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For re-energisation the following steps shall be carried out. They should be done in the order listed below:           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All relevant persons shall be notified that testing is about to begin or supply is about to be restored,</li> <li>A visual inspection shall be conducted to ensure that all tools, surplus material, and wastes have been removed and the work site has been reinstated.</li> <li>Visual inspection and tests required by AS/NZS 3000 shall be carried out.</li> <li>AS/NZS 3017 provides guidance on testing of low voltage electrical installations,</li> <li>Applicable work permits shall be cancelled.</li> <li>Applicable personal tags and locks shall be removed.</li> <li>Re-energisation as appropriate is carried out.</li> <li>Functional testing as needed, e.g., phase rotation, are carried out,</li> <li>Confirmation that all guards and covers are reinstated is obtained.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	Supervisors, workers
32	Retain record for Supervisor / Electrical Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>	1	1	L	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Retain if this SWMS is revised or a Risk Assessment was prepared.</li> <li>• Return to Supervisor / Office for ongoing review and improvement</li> </ul>	Supervisors, workers

## Low Voltage Arc Hazard Controls

#	Job Step / Process / Activity	Identify Hazards	Risk Level (R) and the Residual Rating (RR)				Identify Controls / Action Required	Person Responsible
			L	C	R	RR		
33	Quantify the hazard	(Intentionally left blank)	(Intentionally left blank)				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Estimating the Incident Energy - The incident energy, to which an individual may be exposed, should be estimated by one of the following methods:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Calculations based on the formulae in Appendix B of ENA NENS-09.</li> <li>Calculations based on the IEEE 1584 Guide for Performing Arc-Flash Hazard Calculations, or,</li> <li>If minor switchboard, control panel or metering work, make an estimation about fault levels using the below step.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	Electrician
34	Make an estimation about fault Levels	(Intentionally left blank)	(Intentionally left blank)				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To make the estimation of fault levels use the kA (kilo amps) rating of the main up stream circuit breaker in the switchboard or equipment that you are working on.</li> <li>The value of the kA rating determines how much current the circuit breaker can withstand under fault conditions.</li> <li>Line up your kA rating with the PPE table below and utilize the PPE as described. The hazard column in these steps will also provide an estimate of incident energy cal/cm<sup>2</sup>). This can be used to determine minimal Arc Thermal Performance Value (ATPV). Your ATPV value of your PPE needs to be greater than your estimated cal/cm<sup>2</sup>.</li> <li>If you cannot determine the kA rating refer to another method of calculation.</li> </ul>	Electrician
			Example of the kA (kilo amps) rating on a circuit breaker.					

## PPE Table

kA (kilo amps) rating	Hazard Risk Category (HRC) Minimum Arc Thermal Performance Value (ATPV)	Clothing / PPE Requirements
<10KA	HRC 0 ATPV 0 cal/cm <sup>2</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Long sleeve shirt &amp; pants (natural fibres)</li> <li>Safety glasses or goggles</li> <li>Insulated gloves</li> </ul>
10KA to 20KA	HRC 1 ATPV 4 cal/cm <sup>2</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arc rated shirt &amp; pants or coverall min ATPV 4 cal/cm<sup>2</sup>.</li> <li>Arc rated face shield with chin cup.</li> <li>Insulated or arc rated gloves.</li> <li>Insulated mat.</li> <li>ISSC 14 Electrical First Aid kit</li> </ul>
>20KA to 40KA	HRC 2 ATPV 8 cal/cm <sup>2</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arc rated shirt &amp; pants or coverall min ATPV 8 cal/cm<sup>2</sup>.</li> <li>Arc rated face shield with chin cup.</li> <li>Insulated gloves with leather or fire-resistant outers gloves.</li> <li>Safety observer</li> <li>LV rescue kit</li> <li>ISSC 14 Electrical First Aid kit</li> <li>Insulated mat</li> </ul>
>40KA to 80KA	HRC 3 ATPV 25 cal/cm <sup>2</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>layers of arc rated shirt &amp; pants or coverall and arc rated suit that combined meets a minimum of ATPV 25 cal/cm<sup>2</sup>.</li> <li>Hood min ATPV 25 cal/cm<sup>2</sup></li> <li>Insulated gloves with leather or fire-resistant outers gloves.</li> <li>Safety observer</li> <li>Low voltage rescue kit</li> <li>ISSC 14 Electrical first aid kit</li> <li>Insulated Mat</li> </ul>
>80KA or high voltage work	HRC 4 ATPV 40 cal/cm <sup>2</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>layers of Arc Rated FR Shirt &amp; FR Pants or FR Coverall and Arc Flash Suit that Meets Minimum Arc Rating</li> <li>Hood ATPV min 40 cal/cm<sup>2</sup></li> <li>Insulated gloves with leather or fire-resistant outers gloves.</li> <li>Safety Observer</li> <li>LV Rescue Kit</li> <li>ISSC 14 Electrical First Aid kit</li> <li>Rubber Mat</li> </ul>

## SWMS Employee Sign off

**This SWMS has been developed in consultation and has been read, understood, and signed by all workers undertaking the scope of works:**