

Submission from Electrical and Mechanical Contractors' Association

Electricity Supply Lines (Protection) Regulations (ESLPR)

Section 2 - Definition of "works"

"works" means but does not include works necessary to ascertain the alignment or depth of an underground electricity cable, nor any electrical works carried out by a registered electrical worker or registered electrical contractor;

Electrical works carried out by a registered electrical worker (REW) or registered electrical contractor (REC) are generally covered under the Code of Practice for the Electricity (Wiring) Regulations. However, the above mentioned COP involves works (e.g. installation of earth electrode, etc.) to be carried out in the vicinity of underground electricity cables. Under such circumstance one may interpret the installation of earth electrode is exempted from the ESLPR, or it falls in the definition of "works" in the ESLPR. If it is the intention for such work to be included under the definition of "works" in the ESLPR, it is suggested that ESLPR shall be mentioned in relevant section (section 21E (4)) of the COP for the Electricity (Wiring) Regulation to avoid ambiguity.