

Our electrical assets and you



Our customer has arranged electrical work and, as a result, we'll own assets on your property. We need an easement to protect our assets on your property. This form tells you:

1. about our easement process;
2. what's planned and what assets we will own; and
3. what needs to happen **before the electrical work starts.**

Date issued:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Our reference:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Our customer:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Powerco contact:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Is this form for you?

This form is for the landowner of this address:

Click or tap here to enter text.

If you're not the landowner, please give this form to them, or return this form to easements@powerco.co.nz

What's happening?

Our customer has arranged for one of our customer delivery contractors to perform this electrical work:

Include the description of works under the current customer work application

We require these easement(s) to protect our assets on your property.

Easement requirement to include new and existing assets where applicable

As result of the electrical work, we **will** own these assets on your property:

Include information about new and existing assets that we will own

We do **not** own these electrical assets on your property:

Include information about private assets in the current customer work application, and existing private assets if applicable

What do you need to do?



Complete and return this form

The flow chart attached to this form tells you about our easement process and what you need to do for each step. The first thing you need to do is complete this form and return it to easements@powerco.co.nz

There are parts of our easement process that must be completed **before the electrical work can start.**



Customer - send us your lawyer and surveyor details

Please engage a lawyer and a surveyor. We need to contact your lawyer and surveyor **before the electrical work starts** to make them aware of our easement requirements. Enter their details below and return this form to easements@powerco.co.nz

Your name, email and phone:	Click or tap here to enter text.
Your lawyer's name and email:	Click or tap here to enter text.
Your surveyor's name and email:	Click or tap here to enter text.



Landowner - send us your lawyer's details (disregard this section if Customer is the Landowner)

Please engage a lawyer. The customer will pay your reasonable legal fees. We need to contact your lawyer **before the electrical work starts** to make them aware of our easement requirements. Enter their details below and return this form to easements@powerco.co.nz

Your name, email and phone:	Click or tap here to enter text.
Your lawyer's name and email:	Click or tap here to enter text.



Landowner - Sign and return this form (if Customer is the Landowner – Customer to sign)

Please read the terms on the next page and sign below to confirm that you understand and accept all terms in this form. Send your signed form to easements@powerco.co.nz The signed form must be returned to us **before the electrical work can start.**

On behalf of the landowner(s) of the property referred to above and I understand and accept the terms of this notice.

<div>your signature</div> <div>print your name</div> <div>date signed</div>	<div>your signature</div> <div>print your name</div> <div>date signed</div>
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Read and keep this form for your records

On the next page you'll find answers to the questions we're most frequently asked about easements and ownership of electrical assets. Read the terms on the next page and keep this notice for your records.

What happens next

We will prepare the easement agreement(s) and send these to you to sign. The signed easement agreement must be returned to us **before the electrical work can start.**

Frequently asked questions

What is an easement?

An easement is a legal right for one person to use another person's land.

We may require an easement when we have assets on land we don't own, especially if our assets are supplying more than one property. We want to keep **all** our customers happy.

A Powerco easement gives us the right to install, operate, inspect, maintain and upgrade our assets on your property. It gives us the right to keep our assets on your property and to access our assets on your property when we need to.

The easement gets registered on the land title (like a mortgage) so the right to use the land continues even if the land is sold to someone else.

Often our assets will cross more than one person's land – that's how we get electricity from A to B. When this happens, there'll be more than one landowner who we need an easement from. For example, to supply your home with electricity we may need a power line to cross your neighbour's land, so we'll get an easement from you and your neighbour.

What is an easement agreement?

We'll send you an easement agreement with an easement plan. The easement plan has the indicative location of our assets on your property and proposed width of the easement area. It's an indicative plan because, once the works are completed, the actual location of our assets and width of the easement area are surveyed.

Here's a summary of some terms in our easement agreement.

We will:

- have the right to install, operate, inspect, maintain and upgrade our assets on your land
- give you notice before accessing the property, except in emergencies
- cause as little disturbance as possible
- repair any damage we cause
- access our assets on your property by agreed routes

You will:

- not allow trees or vegetation (other than grass) to grow in the easement area
- not build new structures (e.g., buildings, sheds, fences) within the easement area
- not disturb the soil beneath the easement area
- not do anything that may damage our assets on your property or reduce the minimum clearances for our assets
- not restrict access to our assets on your property
- pay to repair or replace our assets if you damage them

We use a standard form of easement agreement, so we have consistent land rights in all regions of our network. It helps us operate our network efficiently and our maintenance and fault crews respond effectively. We don't generally accept amendments to our standard easement agreement.

Your signed easement agreement must be returned to us before the electrical works can start.

How wide is the easement area?

The easement plan in your easement agreement will have an indicative easement width. The easement width will vary depending on the design and voltage of our assets on your property. For 11kV underground cabling works we usually require a minimum easement width of three metres. For aboveground structures, such as overhead lines, transformers and pillar boxes, the easement width will take into account blowout distances and suitable space for doors and general access around the structure.

Will a caveat go on your land title?

It's our policy to register a caveat for every easement agreement.

When an easement agreement is signed, we'll arrange for a caveat to be registered on your land title. The caveat records the existence of the easement agreement and gets removed at the same time the easement is registered. It gives us comfort that our assets on your land will eventually be protected by a registered easement.

If you need to get our consent as caveator to a dealing on your land title, we have a standard form you can use.

What is our easement process?

Check out our easement process on the next page. It's a helpful guide for our customers and their neighbours.

Why do we send ownership notices?

We send ownership notices to landowners whenever a customer arranges electrical work (eg a new electricity connection or an upgrade in electricity supply) that will result in us owning assets on private property. We do this so the landowner has important details like:

- Name of our customer who arranged the electrical work.
- What electrical work the customer has arranged.
- Name of our primary or secondary customer delivery contractor performing the work.

- List of the assets that we'll own on the property as a result of the electrical work.
- Sometimes we'll list electrical assets on the property that we **don't** own if we think it will help remove confusion.
- Our responsibilities for our assets on the property, and yours.

When we talk about 'assets' we mean equipment that supplies customers with electricity eg poles, lines, cables, fuses and transformers, distribution systems and fittings etc.

We usually own all assets up to the boundary of a private property **and** any transformer or high voltage assets on the property.

We usually don't own the overhead service line or underground cable that brings power from our network to your property. We also don't own the electrical wiring inside your house.



By accepting this ownership notice, you accept all its terms.

What are our assets and responsibilities?

The front page has a list of assets we'll own on your property as a result of the electrical work described in this notice. We may own other assets on or near your property that aren't listed eg assets that form part of our network which are covered by legal rights.

We own all our assets on your property, and we'll continue to own them. You consent to them being on your property. They won't become part of your property even if they are installed in or attached to your property.

We are responsible for the ongoing maintenance, operation and replacement of our assets on your property.

We may have rights and powers under the Electricity Act 1992 and its regulations in relation to our assets on your property, and this notice doesn't limit them.

Safety near our assets

We want everyone who lives and works near our assets to be safe. You and any future owner or occupier of your property must comply with all our health and safety requirements at powerco.co.nz/safety.

- Don't touch our assets.
- Don't do anything that may damage our assets.
- Let other people on your property know where and when we are working on your property.
- Follow all health and safety instructions we or our contractors give to you, and all safety or hazard notices on our assets.
- Ensure access to our assets is not restricted. Don't block vehicle access or any gates or doors to our assets.
- Keep trees at least 4m away from overhead lines.
- Don't build or construct anything too close to our assets.
- Don't work within 4m of overhead lines or dig within 5m of our underground assets unless you have a 'close approach consent' from us. Apply online [here](#).
- Let us know if there are any hazards on your property. Find out about hazards we need to know about [here](#).

[Contact us](#) if you have concerns about the condition of our assets on your property, or if you feel any of our assets are becoming a hazard.

What are your electrical assets and responsibilities?

The front page may have a list of electrical assets we **don't** own on your property. We'll list them if we think it will help avoid confusion, but there may be other electrical assets we don't own eg electrical wiring inside your house, and the service line or cable from your property boundary to your house.

You're responsible for all electrical assets on your property that we don't own. You'll maintain them and keep them in working order, at your own cost. They'll become the responsibility of the next owner or occupier if you sell your property, so be sure to let them know which electrical assets aren't owned by us.

Need to know more?

We've got some handy resources and information on our website for landowners like you who have our assets on their property. Check out powerco.co.nz/safety/assets-on-your-property. We'd love to hear from you. If you have any questions about this notice, or anything else, please [contact us](#).

Our easement process for customer delivery services (CDS)

