

Media Release



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Customers challenged to clean up and reduce risk

With Clean Up Australia Day this Sunday, 5 March 2017, Essential Energy is encouraging property owners across regional and rural NSW to clear their yards and remove debris from around their properties.

General Manager Safety, HR and Environment, David Nardi, said clearing leaves and debris from gutters, mowing lawns, and ensuring vegetation is kept clear of powerlines could help contribute to a safer electricity network.

“Many of our unplanned power outages are caused by tree branches and debris coming into contact with overhead powerlines,” David said.

“If property owners are cleaning up around the home or farm for Clean Up Australia Day, don’t forget to think about potentially hazardous vegetation that might be growing near the electricity network.

“By keeping vegetation at least 15 metres clear of powerlines we can reduce the potential for unplanned power outages due to line or infrastructure damage,” David said.

Essential Energy encourages property owners visually inspect vegetation near electrical infrastructure and employ a licensed contractor to trim trees and branches as required.

David said Essential Energy would do its part to provide a clean, healthy, sustainable environment in conjunction with Clean Up Australia Day.

“From 6-10 March 2017, Essential Energy staff will take time out from their normal work duties to make practical and worthwhile contributions to cleaning up their worksites, offices and depots across the State.”

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