

AUSTRALIAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS ALLIANCE

WC126 - TELECOMMUNICATIONS IN ROAD RESERVES - OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES FOR INSTALLATIONS

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The ***Telecommunications in Road Reserves - Operational Guidelines for Installations***

Working Committee (WC126) is tasked to perform an area of work requested by the Minister for Communications, the Hon, Michelle Rowland MP via the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts (DITRDCSA).

The Working Committee will review and update the G591:2006 Telecommunications in Road Reserves - Operational Guidelines for Installations industry guideline to align with industry best practices for deploying telecommunications infrastructure in road reserves and submit a draft code to the ACMA for consideration of registration.

The Working Committee shall:

- consider the recommendations provided to DITRDCSA by the Minister for Communications;
- consider the current telecommunications in road reserves environment and examine the current problem statement;
- consider feedback given to DITRDCSA from landowners, such as state and territory governments, local councils and public utilities, which has included concern about access related matters by carriers, and their subcontractors, when performing works under the framework such as;
 - the formal notification requirements and taking reasonable steps to reach agreements with utilities where activities could impact on their operations and restoring land following works.
 - carrier deployment in areas of environmental significance and the applicability of certain state and territory laws.
- consider the additional regulatory burden on the telecommunications industry and whether the introduction of a new industry code meets eligibility for registration under Part 6 of the Telecommunications Act, in that it applies to participants of a section of the telecommunications industry, as defined by s110 of the Act;
- consider the additional regulatory burden on the roads and transport industry and the effects of the introduction of a new industry code;
- consider the ongoing applicability of sections of the guideline, in light of updates to laws, legislative instruments and enforceable codes;
- update references within the guideline where relevant and necessary;
- update the guideline with the most recent Australian Telecommunications Alliance document format if applicable;
- consider any other items which may be directly related to the guideline and its revision.

Primary deliverables

- Re-drafted G591 Telecommunications in Road Reserves - Operational Guidelines for Installations, for submission to the ACMA for registration as an industry code.