

New South Wales / Australian Capital Territory

Bushfire Recovery with the Help of the Army

The bushfire season on the east coast of Australia this summer was the worst in living memory.

All utilities suffered. Telecommunications towers, electricity pylons and water treatment plants were burned out.

The Natural Gas network was affected less than other networks, partly due to the nature of gas networks. With some exceptions, mains and services are usually located underground. However, gas companies were also vigilant in monitoring and protecting exposed parts of the networks such as Trunk Receiving Stations.

It was not all good news. Many marker posts were burned out and now must be replaced. Gas network operators in NSW and the ACT are undertaking a program to identify and replace damaged transmission warning markers.

In remote areas, Jemena has enlisted the help of the Australian Army. The Army's Bushmaster vehicles have helped Jemena crews to reach difficult locations and, where needed, to clear away burned trees.

Please be aware that warning signs for transmission energy networks in your area may have been damaged in the fires. Take extra care when working on or near known pipeline easements. And always Dial Before You Dig first.



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Jemena working with the Australian Army to locate easements and replace signs.

Working with Network Owners

Dial Before You Dig NSW/ACT protects the underground networks of 130 organisations. Gas, water, sewer, telecommunications and electricity are all covered.

Utilities are often the biggest damagers of other networks when laying and maintaining their own networks.

In 2020, Dial Before You Dig has been working with Ausgrid electricity to deliver seminars to Hunter Water field crews in Newcastle.

The program is called Switch On Awareness. It runs from February to April 2020.

Dial Before You Dig NSW/ACT often work with Member companies to take the safe digging message to field crews.



Taking the safe digging message to Hunter Water.

If your employer is a Dial Before You Dig Member, contact Assistant Manager Otre Moussa and talk about how we can bring the safe digging message to your field crews. Email otre@beforeyoudignswact.com.au for more information.

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