
Submission on the Draft Premises Wiring Code

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Hi. I would like to make a recommendation to change the height and location of the ETP on page 19 clause 26.2.5 it states the ETP should be at least 300mm above the final ground level. I would recommend the ETP be located at the same height as the meter board and in close proximity reasons for this are an ETP close to the ground is susceptible to moisture ingress as New Zealand has a damp climate and therefore has the potential to attract a high number of faults also being close to the ground in most cases people plant gardens here again covering up the ETP not only making it challenging for field staff to locate it also giving more potential for faults further more the planting of roses, trees hedges and there are ETPs where decks are built over the top of them grass and garden waste are dumped on them fire wood stacked in front of them all appear to be a favourite of people to do not realising the problems they are creating for their service in the future. Apart from the obvious fault decrease there is also the personal health and safety risk to the people working on these are the risk of personal injury Cellulitis from roses thorns and other debris.

The ETP is the most important part of the network as it is the Demarcation point and therefore needs to be in a location that can be easily accessed and should it be located near the meter box this would be the case also the prevention of faults would not only be of large financial benefit would also be providing a superior service to the end user. Should you like to discuss this further please feel free to contact me thanks.

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