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SLOPES: Notification of potential asbestos issue re Essential Energy works at Perisher and Smiggin Holes

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Dear SLOPES Members and Associates

We have been contacted today by NPWS who advise of a potential asbestos issue ahead of the Easter Weekend.

Details are set out in the email below from NPWS and the attached fact sheet from Essential Energy.

In summary:

1. a potential asbestos issue has arisen in works being undertaken by Essential Energy at Perisher and Smiggin Holes re electrical pillar boxes
2. Essential Energy is working with agencies to ensure the sites are safe for the Easter weekend
3. Essential Energy will be notifying individual Clubs potentially affected
4. contact details for NPWS and Essential Energy are set out below and in the attachment respectively.

We will keep you informed.

Please circulate this email to your members, especially to those who are planning to be in the Perisher Range Resorts over Easter or in the near future.

Regards

Frank Zipfinger
President
SLOPES

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From: **Nicole Shotter** <Nicole.Shotter@environment.nsw.gov.au>

Date: 31 March 2015 at 12:52

Subject: Notification of potential asbestos issue re Essential Energy works at Perisher and Smiggin Holes - SLOPES

Dear Frank,

Confirming our discussion this afternoon:

- Essential Energy have undertaken works within the Perisher, Smiggin Holes and Thredbo areas
- A potential asbestos issues is present in those areas due to the works
- Workcover, EPA, NPWS and NSW Health are currently assessing what works have been undertaken
- We are not aware at this time of the extent of the issue
- Testing has been undertaken by a qualified occupational hygienist and the results are expected early this week
- We will advise when further information is known

- Essential Energy is working with the agencies to ensure the sites are made safe prior to Easter. Qualified Essential Energy staff and contractors commenced these works today.
- Essential Energy has also commenced notification to their customers – including Perisher Blue, Kosciuszko Thredbo and individual sublessees.
- The Essential Energy contact is David Nardi, General Manager Health, Safety & Environment, David.Nardi@essentialenergy.com.au.
- The Work Cover contact is Donna Salway, District Coordinator, Donna.Salway@workcover.nsw.gov.au
- The NPWS contact is myself at the details below.
- SLOPES members are advised to contact the Essential Energy number on the fact sheet. Essential Energy will contact the agencies as required.

I have also attached the fact sheet Essential Energy released publicly today. In the first instance if SLOPES members have additional questions, they should call Essential Energy on the number listed on the fact sheet.

Regards

Nicole

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30 March 2015

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Following notification that asbestos material may have been disturbed at electrical pillar boxes at Thredbo, Perisher Valley and Smiggin Holes, Essential Energy has engaged a specialist environmental hygienist to assess each site and identify remediation works.

Essential Energy and the specialist consultants are taking every precautionary measure to ensure that the sites are stable and pose no risk to the general public, the environment or our employees.

Affected sites have been assessed and any remediation work – undertaken in consultation with the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA), WorkCover NSW and National Parks and Wildlife Service – has commenced.

Essential Energy is working with National Parks and Wildlife Service to contact all customers in the direct vicinity of the electrical pillar boxes to advise them of the situation.

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

Remediation work will be carried in the immediate area around identified electricity pillar boxes such as those shown in the images below:



Sample of intact low voltage underground pillar



Electricity pillar with work commenced

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Essential Energy on
13 23 91