

We're asking you for an easement.

Our customer has arranged electrical work and, as a result, we'll own assets on your property. We need an easement to protect our assets on your property. This form tells you about our easement process and what needs to happen **before the electrical work starts**.

Our reference:	
Our customer:	
Approved contractor:	
Your Powerco contact person:	
Work type:	

Is this form for you?

This form is for the landowner of this address:

If you're not the landowner, please give this form to them, or please return this form to easements@powerco.co.nz.

What's happening?

The ownership notice that accompanies this form tells you about the electrical work that's planned and lists the assets that we'll own on your property as a result of that electrical work. We require these easement(s) to protect our assets on your property:

What do you need to do?

Send us your lawyer and surveyor details.

(tick this box if this form is for customer named at the top of this page)

You need to engage a surveyor and lawyer. We need to contact your lawyer and surveyor **before electrical work starts** to make them aware of our easement requirements. Enter their details below and return this form to easements@powerco.co.nz.

Your name, email and phone:	
Your lawyer's name and email:	
Your surveyor's name and email:	

Send us your lawyer's details.

(tick this box if this form is for a neighbouring landowner)

You need to engage a lawyer. The customer will pay your reasonable legal fees. We need to contact your lawyer **before the electrical work starts** to make them aware of our easement requirements. Enter their details below and return this form to easements@powerco.co.nz.

Your name, email and phone:	
Your lawyer's name and email:	

Read the next page.

On the next page you'll find answers to our most frequently asked questions about easements.

Frequently asked questions about easements.

What is an easement?

An easement is a legal right for one person to use another person's land.

We may require an easement when we have assets on land we don't own, especially if our assets are supplying more than one property. We want to keep **all** our customers happy.

A Powerco easement gives us the right to install, operate, inspect, maintain and upgrade our assets on your property. It gives us the right to keep our assets on your property and to access our assets on your property when we need to.

The easement gets registered on the land title (like a mortgage) so the right to use the land continues even if the land is sold to someone else.

Often our assets will cross more than one person's land – that's how we get electricity from A to B. When this happens, there'll be more than one landowner who we need an easement from. For example, to supply your home with electricity we may need a power line to cross your neighbour's land, so we'll get an easement from you and your neighbour.

What is an easement agreement?

We'll send you an easement agreement with an easement plan. The easement plan has the indicative location of our assets on your property and proposed width of the easement area. It's an indicative plan because, once the works are completed, the actual location of our assets and width of the easement area are surveyed.

Here's a summary of some terms in our easement agreement.

We will:

- have the right to install, operate, inspect, maintain and upgrade our assets on your land
- give you notice before accessing the property, except in emergencies
- cause as little disturbance as possible
- repair any damage we cause
- access our assets on your property by agreed routes

You will:

- not allow trees or vegetation (other than grass) to grow in the easement area
- not build new structures (eg buildings, sheds, fences) within the easement area
- not disturb the soil beneath the easement area
- not do anything that may damage our assets on your property or reduce the minimum clearances for our assets
- not restrict access to our assets on your property
- pay to repair or replace our assets if you damage them

We use a standard form of easement agreement so we have consistent land rights in all regions of our network. It helps us operate our network efficiently and our maintenance and fault crews respond effectively. We don't generally accept amendments to our standard easement agreement.

Your signed easement agreement must be returned to us before electrical works can start.

How wide is the easement area?

The easement plan in your easement agreement will have an indicative easement width. The easement width will vary depending on the design and voltage of our assets on your property. For 11kV underground cabling works we usually require a minimum easement width of three metres. For aboveground structures, such as overhead lines, transformers and pillar boxes, the easement width will take into account blowout distances and suitable space for doors and general access around the structure.

Will a caveat go on your land title?

It's our policy to register a caveat for every easement agreement.

When an easement agreement is signed, we'll arrange for a caveat to go on your land title. The caveat records the existence of the easement agreement and gets removed at the same time the easement is registered. It gives us comfort that our assets on your land will eventually be protected by a registered easement.

If you need to get our consent as caveator to a dealing on your land title, we have a standard form your lawyer can use.

What is our easement process?

Check out our 10-step easement process on the next page. It's a helpful guide for our customers and their neighbours.

Need to know more?

We've got some handy resources and information on our website for landowners like you who have our assets on their property. Check out powerco.co.nz/safety/assets-on-your-property. We'd love to hear from you. If you have any questions about this notice, or anything else, please [contact us](#).

Our easement process for customer-initiated works (CIW)

