

Instruction – Submitting an SER Form

Purpose

To outline the steps required for:

- 1. Accessing the SER Portal on Ausgrid's Customer Portal
- 2. Submitting an SER
- 3. Accessing draft, submitted and approved SERs

Applies to

Those Authorised to prepare and submit Ausgrid SERs.

Procedure: 1. Accessing the SER Portal on Ausgrid's Customer Portal

Step	Action								
1.	Register with Ausgrid's Customer Portal if you have not previously set up an account. You will need an account with your work email. https://services.ausgrid.com.au/SignIn								
2.	If you have an account sign in and if you see the SER Portal shown below in Step 4 you already have access.								
3.	If the SER Portal is not visible, email environmentalservices@ausgrid.com.au requesting access to the SER Portal.								
	Note : You will need to have completed Ausgrid's SER and WebGIS-EL training within the last 2 years to be granted access.								
4.	Once access is approved you should see the SER Portal								
	Navigate To → PAccount Settings Sign out								
	Ausgrid Customer Portal								
	Enquiries Complaints Claims Send us your enquiry and our team will be in touch Help us resolve your issue and submit a complaint Make a claim for property or other damage caused by Ausgrid								
	Summary Environmental Report (SER) Complete or update the NS174A SER form. Create and submit your Safety Advice Request								

Procedure: 2. Submitting an SER

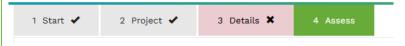
Step	Action
1.	Open the SER Portal at Ausgrid's Customer Portal https://services.ausgrid.com.au/SignIn
2.	Click the 'Create a new submission' button to create a new SER.



- Complete project information and click the 'Submit' button. 3.
- 4. Click the 'Proceed to form' button and progress through the 5 stages of the form filling out required information.

Key functionality of the form:

- Fields marked with an * are mandatory. The form cannot be submitted unless these
- The form is only saved when clicking 'Save' or 'Save and Next'. Clicking 'Previous' does not save the form.
- Note: If the form is not saved within 2 hours you will be logged out. A timer is in the top right of the screen.
- Default text is provided to guide the level of assessment required.
- Where default text includes [*** and ***] these must be removed/replaced. The form cannot be submitted if these symbols remain in the form.
- The form will highlight where mandatory fields have not been completed or [*** and ***] symbols remain in the form by highlighting the relevant tab red.
- The 'Save as PDF' will save a draft PDF version of the form to the Attachments folder.



- Click the help symbol ¹ for more guidance on individual questions.
- 5. When you get to the decision tab, click the 'Yes' radio button if you agree with the statement and then click 'Next' to save your response.



ny knowledge and belief that:

- I have completed this SER in accordance with <u>EGN 174B SER Guidance Notes</u> and <u>NS174B Environmental Assessment Guidelines</u>.
 The information contained in this SER is neither false nor misleading and I have been appropriately trained to consider and assess the impacts of the Activity.
 The Activity's impacts are minor and neither extensive nor complex and can proceed subject to compliance with specific controls in this SER and minimum construction controls in <u>NS174C Environmental Handbook for Construction and Maintenance</u>.

 The scope of works for the Activity includes all construction, maintenance, operation and ancillary activities and accurately reflects the attached design plan for
- . I have completed a site inspection
- 6. Click the 'Submit for verification' button and await an email saying that the SER has been registered (the email should typically take a few minutes).
- 7. Read 'What the Assessor needs to do' as there are two possible emails:
 - Option 1: No Level 3's selected in the SER Forward the email to the relevant Ausgrid Verifier (if known). Otherwise the SER will be in a queue to be verified by the next available Ausgrid Verifier.
 - Option 2: One or more Level 3's selected in the SER Forward the email to environmentalservices@ausgrid.com.au



Procedure: 3. Accessing draft, submitted and approved SERs

Step	Action								
1.	Option 1: If you assessed and submitted the SER then you will have an email from Dynamics CRM Mail and depending on Status:								
	- SER Awaiting Verification – a link to the SER Portal where you can view the								
	status.								
	 SER Approved – the is SER attached and also a link to the SER and attachments. 								
	The links will require you to log into Ausgrid's Customer Portal.								
	Option 2: Open the SER Portal at Ausgrid's Customer Portal https://services.ausgrid.com.au/SignIn								
	Note: Ausgrid Verifiers can alternatively access SERs through CRM and PowerBI.								
2.	The following	steps apply to C	ption 2.						
	The SER Portal will show all of your SERs and access will depend on Status.								
	Edit Draft SE	R Click	the ' <u>Upda</u>	te submis	sion' link to co	ontinue editi	ng the SER.		
	View Submit	tted SER Click	the ' <u>View</u>	Documen	<u>ts</u> link to view	read only S	ER.		
	View Approved SER Click the 'View Documents link to view read only SER and attachments.						ER and		
	View Draft PDF SER Click the 'View Documents link. If you have saved a draft version of the SER it will be located here.								
	The search box accepts wildcard characters eg *1234.								
	Summary Environmental Report (SER)								
	Submissions								
	Search Project Number Q. Create a new Submission								
	ProjectNumber	Project Name	Contact	Status	Date Approved	Created On			
	TEST - Blank	TEST - Blank	James Hart	Draft		25/07/2025 8:07 AM	*		
	TEST - SM-87654b	Undergrounding 2 spans of Ol mains at 2 Chris Bang Crescent, Vaucluse	H James Hart	Awaiting Verification		08/07/2025 12:35 PM	Update Submission View Documents		
	TEST - SM-64537b	Establish new KL type kiosk Substation HS.44660 To Supp No.1 Molly Morgan Drive Maitland (Stocklands Greenhills)	James Hart ly	Draft		07/07/2025 9:10 A	Delete ✓		
	TEST - SM-23564	Consac Cable Replacement from Substation S.103089	James Hart	Approved	07/07/2025 8:37 AM	07/07/2025 8:27 AM	•		

What do I do if I need help?

Email environmentalservices@ausgrid.com.au

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I pull back an SER to make changes?

- If the SER is approved, contact environmentalservices@ausgrid.com.au
- If the SER is awaiting verification, contact the Verifier or environmentalservices@ausgrid.com.au and ask them to send back the SER.



How do I cancel and SER?

- If the SER is approved, contact environmentalservices@ausgrid.com.au
- If the SER is awaiting verification, contact the contact the Verifier or environmentalservices@ausgrid.com.au and ask them to send back the SER
- If the SER is in draft, go to the SER Portal and click 'Delete'. If you delete an SER by accident then contact Environmental Services.

General questions such as how long does an SER remain valid, is a site inspection mandatory, do I need to wait 21/40 days for community notifications, can the works be assessed under a DA instead etc.

- Refer to General SER Q&A

Useful Resources

Ausgrid's Planning Website

Ausgrid's Customer Portal

<u>EGN 174B SER Guidance Notes</u> - provides specific guidance on completing the SER form. Information help buttons in the SER form link directly to the relevant section within this document.

Instructions for Verifying an SER (Ausgrid employees only)