

# Crossover Distance from Power Pole – VESI URD Standards

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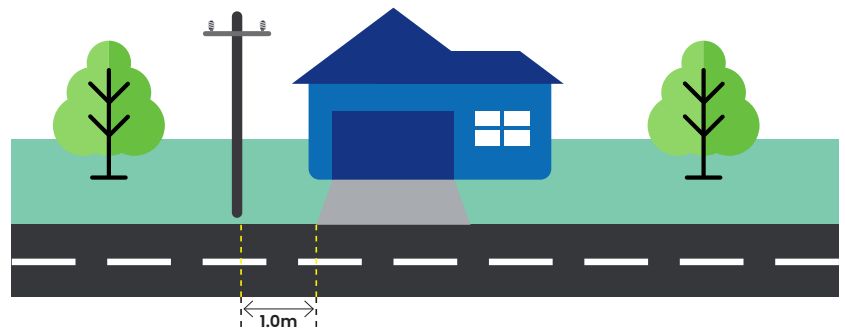
## Purpose:

This guidance sheet provides information for councils and customers regarding the required separation between driveway crossovers and power poles, based on the Victorian Electricity Supply Industry (VESI) Urban Residential Development (URD) standards.

## Minimum Separation Requirements:

### Standard Clearances:

- **Minimum distance:** 1.0 meters (measured from the outer edge of the pole to the edge of the driveway crossover).
- **Preferred distance:** 1.5 meters or more is recommended to enhance accessibility, ensure pole stability, and facilitate future pole replacement and maintenance.



### Additional Considerations:

- **Vehicle Access:** Avoid positioning driveways too close to poles, to prevent vehicle collisions and ensure unobstructed maintenance access. This also facilitates safer access for delivery vehicles.
- **Footpath and Services Clearance:** Ensure adequate space remains for pedestrian access and underground services.
- **Local Council Requirements:** Councils may impose additional clearance requirements—always check with the relevant authority. Some councils may require written approval from the distribution network for crossovers prior to installation. Additionally, clearances from existing trees on nature strips must be considered.

## Why is This Important?

- **Efficiency:** Reduces delay in building approvals and avoid corrective rebuilds, saving time and resources.
- **Safety:** Mitigates the risk of damage to poles, underground cables, and earthing grids.
- **Accessibility:** Allows clear access for maintenance and emergency repairs by the network.
- **Compliance:** Ensures adherence to VESI and local council regulations.

## Who to Contact for More Information?

For specific guidance on your property or project, contact:

- Your local council's planning department
- Your electricity distributor (e.g., Jemena, AusNet, CitiPower, PowerCor, United Energy)
- A licensed builder or architect

By adhering to these guidelines, property owners can reduce delays on building approvals and contribute to a safe and efficient electricity network.

### References:

- Victorian Electricity Supply Industry (VESI) Urban Residential Development (URD) standards
- Local council crossover design requirements