



Torrance Sewage H Pole collapse

On Wednesday 1st of August 2018 an H pole collapsed, trapping a male member of the public causing serious injuries including multiple fractures of his leg.

The member of the public was freed from underneath the pole by the emergency services and taken to hospital for treatment.

The pole was in good condition and collapsed as a direct result of third party interference.

The H-pole and transformer (Torrance Sewage PTE) had been disconnected from the system in November 2000 and left in situ.

The H Pole remained on our data systems and had been inspected as per SPEN's OHL inspection policy. During the most recent inspection, which took place in 2016 a manual text entry recorded that the transformer was out of use but no defect was raised hence no workflow was generated to intervene and remove the redundant asset.



Emergency services in attendance



Asset pre incident

Recommendations and action points

- When disconnecting assets from the system they should be recovered from site as part of the work or as soon as practical thereafter. This is in-line with the policy for Disconnection and Removal of Company Equipment [EPS-04-002](#);
- Anyone with local knowledge of redundant assets should highlight these to the local District management team;
- Historical inspection data to be reviewed (using SAP report *zdsp_iw28*) to identify assets that are out of use and left in situ;
- All inspectors to be re-trained on correct process for reporting disconnected assets;
- Any assets found to be redundant and left in situ should be recovered as soon as practicable.