

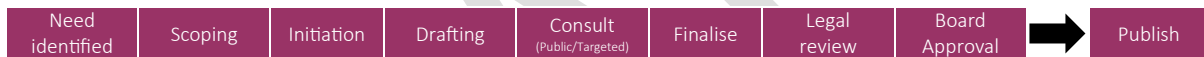


The role of the National Committee on Live Work (NCLW) is to be the authoritative industry body for the discussion and resolution of national issues affecting live line work and live work on networks in the electricity supply industry.

PRIORITY		ETA	
P1	MUST COMPLETE	BAU	ONGOING
P2	SHOULD COMPLETE	Q1	JUNE
P3	MAY COMPLETE	Q2	SEPT
		Q3	DEC
		Q4	MARCH

TECHNICAL BEST PRACTICE

The publication development process will generally follow the below steps. In general, the end-to-end process spans a number of months. Individual development processes can be staggered and run in parallel.



Publication Review/Update

Maintaining our stock of publications is a growing challenge as we publish more guides. To ensure that publications are kept up-to-date, we need to ensure that reviews are focussed and efficient. The expectation should be that where a publication remains fit-for-purpose, it will not be significantly changed. NCLW meetings will have a standing agenda item to review guides that were published more than 5 years ago.

The following guides will be reviewed this year.

<p>NZECP 46 - Ongoing</p> <p>Review the current ECP 46, including associated EEA Practice Notes. Complete a gap analysis against AS 5804 and develop a draft section on live low voltage work practices. Engage with Transpower, KiwiRail, and broader industry to test assumptions and gather input, with the aim of strengthening safety outcomes, improving clarity, and ensuring the Code reflects emerging technologies. Deliver clear recommendations to MBIE (Energy Safety) to inform a structured revision of ECP 46.</p>	<p>P1</p>	<p>Q4</p>
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<p>Live Low Voltage Electrical Work</p> <p>Review Live Low Voltage Electrical Work Guide identifying updates required to reflect Legislation changes, current industry practice, new technology, and emerging risks. As part of the review, confirm any content suitable for inclusion in the ECP 34 low voltage section and provide recommendations to support any required updates. (last reviewed in 2017)</p>	P1	Q2
<p>Guide to Management of Heat and Cold Stress During Live Work</p> <p>Review the Guide to Management of Heat and Cold Stress During Live Work to confirm its ongoing relevance and value to industry. Analyse download and purchase data, seek targeted industry feedback on its use in practice, and assess whether equivalent or more current guidance exists (for example, from WorkSafe). Provide a recommendation on whether to retain, update, or retire the Guide.</p>	P3	Q1

WORKFORCE CAPABILITY

<p>ECP 46 Review online workshops /engagement</p> <p>Host online workshops and targeted engagement sessions to support the review of ECP 46, test proposed changes with industry, and gather feedback to inform the revision process, also included in Live Work Forum.</p>	P1	Q3
<p>Live Work Training</p> <p>Develop a structured training pathway for low voltage live line work that defines core competencies, progression requirements, and alignment with industry standards. Engage with Connexis and industry training providers, alongside broader industry stakeholders, to confirm expectations and ensure the pathway supports consistent capability, strong safety outcomes, and workforce development.</p>	P2	Q4
<p>Live Work Survey</p> <p>Analyse the output of the live work survey to identify key themes, risks, and emerging trends. Translate insights into clear recommendations to inform strategic priorities, support continuous improvement, and guide future updates to live work practices, standards, and training.</p>	P1	Q1
<p>Webinar - Selection of Work Methods for Low Voltage Work</p> <p>Deliver an industry webinar on the updated <i>Selection of Work Methods for Low Voltage Work</i> Guide to build awareness, support understanding, and encourage consistent application across industry.</p>	P3	Q2

CONNECTING THE SECTOR

As industry representatives it is imperative that the NCLW continues to promote safe practice in live work through the application of ECP 46, EEA Guides, Knowledge Network and NCLW activities. The outline below shows the proposed engagement opportunities for 2025/26

<p>Workshops – In person</p> <p>Host three industry workshops to identify the issues and potential solutions with ECP 46 and to feed into the review of the ECP 46 High Voltage Live Work Industry Practice Notes.</p>	P1	Q3
<p>Live Work Forum</p> <p>Plan and scope the next Live Work Forum to ensure it delivers clear industry value, including exploring a joint event with MITA, confirming relevant topics, and identifying appropriate guest speakers.</p>	P3	Q3
<p>Health and Safety Workshop – 11-12 August, Christchurch</p> <p>NCLW to provide an update on the work programme at the EEA Health and Safety Workshop</p>	P2	Q2
<p>EEA Engineering Conference – 22-24 September, Auckland</p> <p>NCLW to support SSPG on the EEA stand 2026 EEA Engineering Conference to engage on proposed changes to ECP 46, promote NCLW guides and resources, building industry awareness, and encouraging adoption of good practice to strengthen safety outcomes.</p>	P2	Q2
<p>Connexis Annual Connection - October, Counties</p> <p>NCLW to support SSPG on the EEA stand at the 2026 Annual Connection to engage on proposed changes to ECP 46, promote NCLW guides and resources, building industry awareness, and encouraging adoption of good practice to strengthen safety outcomes.</p>	P2	Q3

RELATIONSHIP MANAGEMENT

<p>EEA Internal – Other Standing Committees</p> <p>SSPG, AMG, PSWG and CDG on an as-required basis in relation to work undertaken that is of mutual interest. Combined stakeholder meetings or roadshows with other SCs where possible.</p>	P1	BAU
<p>Transpower</p> <p>Engage with Transpower on matters that may affect their HV Live Work.</p>	P1	BAU
<p>KiwiRail</p> <p>Engage with Transpower on matters that may affect their HV Live Work.</p>	P2	BAU
<p>ENA Live Line Forum</p> <p>Contribute to the biannual AU ENA live line forum (May / November).</p>	P2	Q1 & Q3
<p>EDI Live Work Forum (MITA)</p> <p>On an as-required basis in relation to work undertaken that is of mutual interest.</p>	P1	BAU
<p>Industry Live Work Trainers</p> <p>On an as-required basis in relation to work undertaken that is of mutual interest.</p>	P2	BAU

MBIE/ Worksafe

Engage with Worksafe on proposed request for changes to ECP 46 and any other matters affecting live work in the industry.

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BAU

NCLW Membership

Geoff Thornburn - Chair	PowerNet
Richard Ashby	Lines and Cables
Nathan Cunningham	Network Waitaki
Neville Cole	Transpower
John Dixon	Northpower
Mark Isaacs	PowerNet
Alan Lyne	Transpower
Mark Mita	Waipa Networks
Alisdair Reid	Orion
Peter Wilson	Connetics

NCLW Meetings 2026/27

23 February	Online	23 March	Online
16 April	Christchurch	25 May	Online
22 June	Online	2 July	Queenstown
24 August	Online	28 September	Online
15 October	Wellington	23 December	Online
28 January	Christchurch		