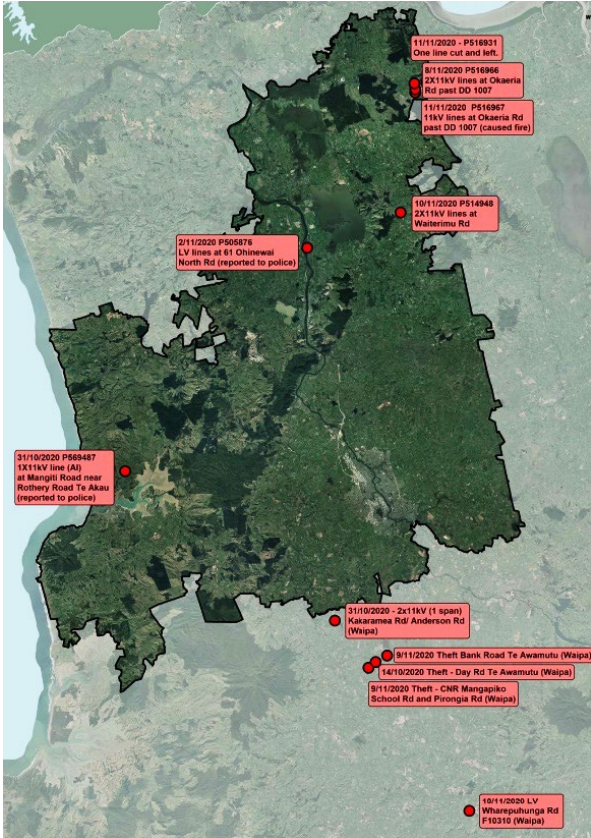


SAFETY ALERT: OPERATIONAL INSTRUCTION

Number	Alert 20-001
Issue Date	12 November 2020
Target Audience	Everyone
Key Issues	<p>Live Conductor Theft</p> <p>There have been 5 incidents where live overhead conductors on the Waipa Network have been deliberately cut by unknown 3rd parties over a 2week period. These conductors have included live 11kV. These incidents have generally taken place at night or in the morning in isolated rural locations. This damage poses a serious risk to Waipa Networks workers, the public and the people carrying out the theft.</p> <p>WEL Networks has also had live conductors stolen – refer to picture below.</p>
Actions / Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WEL Network controllers (SYSCON) have been consulted and additional precautions will be taken with lines that trip in remote locations. These incidents have been discussed with all field staff who have been informed that the thieves may be near the dispatched location and to avoid all contact or confrontation. Any suspicious activities with as much detail as possible should be reported to the Duty Supervisor. Foot patrols in affected network locations shall not take place after darkness has fallen. All incidents are to be reported to the police via the Field Services Supervisor. A private investigator has been engaged by WEL Networks <div style="text-align: right;">  </div> <p>For further information contact your Manager</p>