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# Amendments to the Telecommunications (Low-Impact Facilities) Determination 2018 and Telecommunications Code of Practice 2021

## Background

The Hon Michelle Rowland MP, Minister for Communications, has signed the Telecommunications (Low-impact facilities) Amendment Determination (No. 1) 2025 and the Telecommunications Code of Practice (Installation Certificate Waivers) Amendment Instrument 2025. These instruments amend the *Telecommunications (Low-Impact Facilities) Determination 2018* (LIFD) and the *Telecommunications Code of Practice 2021* (Code of Practice). The changes take effect from 8 March 2025

Copies of the amending instruments can be found on the Federal Register of Legislation – [here](https://www.legislation.gov.au/F2025L00292/latest/text) and [here.](https://www.legislation.gov.au/F2025L00291/latest/text) The LIFD and Code of Practice will be updated to reflect the changes in due course.

This document provides a summary of the changes, and it is not intended to be legal advice.

## LIFD Amendments

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| Item in the LIFD being amended | Effect of Amendment | Applicable Areas |
| Item 1, Part 1 of the Schedule | Increase satellite dish provisions from a maximum of 1.2m to 1.8m in diameter | Residential and Commercial |
| Item 2, Part 1 of the Schedule | Increase satellite dish provisions from a maximum of 1.8m to 2.4m in diameter | Industrial and Rural |
| Item 5, Part 1 of the Schedule | Increase maximum allowable height of an omnidirectional antenna or array of omnidirectional antennas from 4.5m to 6m | Residential, Commercial, Industrial and Rural |
| Item 7A, Part 1 of the Schedule | New item increasing the maximum radiocommunications dish diameter from 2.4m to 3.8m | Rural |
| Item 8, Part 1 of the Schedule | Remove the existing requirement that a radiocommunications facility must be deployed with a cabinet | Residential, Commercial, Industrial and Rural |
| Item 4A, Part 3 of the Schedule | Increase maximum dimensions for equipment shelters | Industrial, Rural. |
| Item 7, Part 3 of the Schedule | Increase dimensions of solar panel arrays from 12.5m2 to 50m2 | Rural |
| Item 11, Part 3 of the Schedule | Cabling within existing conduit deployed by a carrier that is attached to, on, within, or under, a bridge | Residential, Commercial  Industrial and Rural |
| Item 12, Part 3 of the Schedule | Cabling or conduit within existing ducts of a bridge | Residential, Commercial Industrial and Rural |
| Item 2, Part 8 of the Schedule | Increase the total co-location volume of facilities. | Residential and Commercial |
| Items 1, 3, 4 of Part 1 of the Schedule, and Items 4, 4A and 5 of Part 3 | Amendment the reference from ‘local authority’ to ‘local government authority’. |  |
| Heading of Part 3 | Amend the title of Part 3 from ‘Part 3 – Above Ground Housing’ to ‘Part 3 – Above ground housing and facilities’ |  |

## Code of Practice Amendments

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| Section of the Code of Practice | Explanation |
| Section 1A.7 (3) | Enabling a land owner or occupier to waive the requirement for an installation certificate in certain circumstances. |