



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](#) and [here](#). 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

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 12.5m ² to 50m ²	Rural

Item in the LIFD being amended	Effect of Amendment	Applicable Areas
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

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.