

# Media Release



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## Helicopter inspections underway in north and north central Victoria ahead of summer

Low-flying helicopter inspections of electricity poles and wires in some of north and north central Victoria's most fire-prone areas will take place during the next few weeks as part of AusNet Services preparation for summer.

The helicopter will fly about 100 feet above powerlines, with specialist teams identifying any potential problems to determine what maintenance work is needed. Field teams will then be scheduled to undertake any required works.

Flying will take place between 9am and 3.30pm across both public and private land.

Victoria's emergency service agencies have warned that Victoria may be facing an above average risk this fire season.

AusNet Services' Regional Customer and Community Manager, Craig Velt said the aerial inspections were an important part of AusNet Services extensive bushfire mitigation program to prepare for summer.

"AusNet Services is always working to keep the network safe and reduce the risk of powerline fires," Mr Velt said.

"Much of our electricity network covers steep and bushy terrain, such as the Alpine areas, so using helicopters allows us to inspect poles and wires over large distances efficiently."

AusNet Services owns and operates more than 49,000 kilometres of powerlines and 390,000 power poles in Victoria's east.

"We thank the community for their patience and understanding as we complete this work," Mr Velt said.

### Planned flight schedule (may change due to weather conditions)

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