

**Purpose:**

This register is maintained and made publicly available in accordance with clause 4.2.4(a) of the Australian Energy Regulator (AER) Ring-fencing Guideline Electricity Distribution.

The table below lists the offices to which Essential Energy has not complied with the obligation to use separate office in clause 4.2.1(a), by reason of one of the exceptions in clauses 4.2.1(b)(i) or 4.2.1(b)(iii).

Class of office to which physical separation is not applied	Applicable Guideline exemption	Rationale supporting exemption
Hindman St, Port Macquarie	4.2.1(b)i.b. - No opportunity to discriminate	A small number of staff performing both DNSP services and shared asset services which are not competitive services (telecom tower access, fibre optic, property rental)
Buller St, Port Macquarie	4.2.1(b)i.b. - No opportunity to discriminate	A small number of staff performing DNSP roles and shared asset services which are not competitive services (telecom tower access, NBN/Optus on poles)
Albury Depot	4.2.1(b)i.c. - Services that are not Electricity Services	Includes those who only have electricity information to the extent necessary for their roles - Finance, HR, ICT, Legal, Audit, Regulatory. Due to the decentralised nature of Essential Energy these roles are spread over a large number of offices.
Bathurst Hampden Park Road Office	4.2.1(b)i.c. - Services that are not Electricity Services	Includes those who only have electricity information to the extent necessary for their roles - Finance, HR, ICT, Legal, Audit, Regulatory. Due to the decentralised nature of Essential Energy these roles are spread over a large number of offices.
Bathurst Depot	4.2.1(b)i.c. - Services that are not Electricity Services	Includes those who only have electricity information to the extent necessary for their roles - Finance, HR, ICT, Legal, Audit, Regulatory. Due to the decentralised nature of Essential Energy these roles are spread over a large number of offices.
Broken Hill Office	4.2.1(b)i.c. - Services that are not Electricity Services	Includes those who only have electricity information to the extent necessary for their roles - Finance, HR, ICT, Legal, Audit, Regulatory. Due to the decentralised nature of Essential Energy these roles are spread over a large number of offices.
Goulburn Depot	4.2.1(b)i.c. - Services that are not Electricity Services	Includes those who only have electricity information to the extent necessary for their roles - Finance, HR, ICT, Legal, Audit, Regulatory. Due to the decentralised nature of Essential Energy these roles are spread over a large number of offices.
Grafton Depot	4.2.1(b)i.c. - Services that are not Electricity Services	Includes those who only have electricity information to the extent necessary for their roles - Finance, HR, ICT, Legal, Audit, Regulatory. Due to the decentralised nature of Essential Energy these roles are spread over a large number of offices.
Kempsey Depot	4.2.1(b)i.c. - Services that are not Electricity Services	Includes those who only have electricity information to the extent necessary for their roles - Finance, HR, ICT, Legal, Audit, Regulatory. Due to the decentralised nature of Essential Energy these roles are spread over a large number of offices.
Leeton Depot	4.2.1(b)i.c. - Services that are not Electricity Services	Includes those who only have electricity information to the extent necessary for their roles - Finance, HR, ICT, Legal, Audit, Regulatory. Due to the decentralised nature of Essential Energy these roles are spread over a large number of offices.
Lismore Depot	4.2.1(b)i.c. - Services that are not Electricity Services	Includes those who only have electricity information to the extent necessary for their roles - Finance, HR, ICT, Legal, Audit, Regulatory. Due to the decentralised nature of Essential Energy these roles are spread over a large number of offices.
Orange Depot	4.2.1(b)i.c. - Services that are not Electricity Services	Includes those who only have electricity information to the extent necessary for their roles - Finance, HR, ICT, Legal, Audit, Regulatory. Due to the decentralised nature of Essential Energy these roles are spread over a large number of offices.
Port Macquarie Grant St Office	4.2.1(b)i.c. - Services that are not Electricity Services	Includes those who only have electricity information to the extent necessary for their roles - Finance, HR, ICT, Legal, Audit, Regulatory. Due to the decentralised nature of Essential Energy these roles are spread over a large number of offices.
Queanbeyan Depot	4.2.1(b)i.c. - Services that are not Electricity Services	Includes those who only have electricity information to the extent necessary for their roles - Finance, HR, ICT, Legal, Audit, Regulatory. Due to the decentralised nature of Essential Energy these roles are spread over a large number of offices.
Sydney Office	4.2.1(b)i.c. - Services that are not Electricity Services	Includes those who only have electricity information to the extent necessary for their roles - Finance, HR, ICT, Legal, Audit, Regulatory. Due to the decentralised nature of Essential Energy these roles are spread over a large number of offices.
Tamworth Depot	4.2.1(b)i.c. - Services that are not Electricity Services	Includes those who only have electricity information to the extent necessary for their roles - Finance, HR, ICT, Legal, Audit, Regulatory. Due to the decentralised nature of Essential Energy these roles are spread over a large number of offices.
Tweed Heads Depot	4.2.1(b)i.c. - Services that are not Electricity Services	Includes those who only have electricity information to the extent necessary for their roles - Finance, HR, ICT, Legal, Audit, Regulatory. Due to the decentralised nature of Essential Energy these roles are spread over a large number of offices.
Wagga Wagga Depot	4.2.1(b)i.c. - Services that are not Electricity Services	Includes those who only have electricity information to the extent necessary for their roles - Finance, HR, ICT, Legal, Audit, Regulatory. Due to the decentralised nature of Essential Energy these roles are spread over a large number of offices.