What am I allowed to do on the easement?

It is ok to graze animals and mow the grass on the easement. The conditions that apply to how you can use the easement land are described in the Memorandum of Common Provisions which is registered on the property title.

In general, you may continue to use the easement land so long as that use does not interfere with the right to operate and maintain the utility assets. If the use may interfere with that right then you need prior written consent.

For activities that break the surface of the ground, including digging, ploughing, installing fence posts, boring or excavating, it is absolutely essential that you first ring "Dial Before You Dig" on 1100.

Without prior written consent you must not do any of the following on or under the easement:

- Plant or permit planting of any trees or shrubs
- Erect any structure, foundation, pavement, pipeline, services or other improvements
- Store flammable or explosive materials
- Use or permit use of any explosive materials
- Alter or permit to be altered (other than by nature) the grade and contours
- Install fixed plant, equipment, materials or facilities
- Dig or plough
- Interfere with the Acquired Rights described in the Memorandum of Common Provisions.

If you wish to undertake any of these activities, please contact AquaSure.

For further information on how easement land may be used, refer to the 'Memorandum of Common Provisions'. If you do not have a copy of this important document, please contact us.

AquaSure is the company responsible for overseeing the operation of the Victorian Desalination Project, which can supply drinking water to Melbourne and regional water networks, even if there is no rain.

An easement has been created for utilities that support the operation of the desalination plant.

Depending on the location of your property, the easement may contain combinations of the following assets:

- Transfer pipeline – to transfer potable water from the desalination plant to Melbourne and regional water networks
- Power cable – to supply power to the plant from Cranbourne
- Fibre optic cables – to monitor the transfer pipeline and power supply systems
- Associated underground and above-ground assets including cables, valves, pits and signs.

For your own safety and to protect these assets, it is absolutely essential that you ring "Dial Before You Dig" on 1100 before digging, ploughing, installing fence posts, boring, excavating or breaking the ground anywhere near the easement.

If you want to know if there are easements on your property, please check your Certificate of Title. Additional copies can be obtained from the Land Registry Office:

Phone: (03) 8636 2010

Online: www.land.vic.gov.au

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www.1100.com.au

Dial Before You Dig

For your own safety, it is absolutely essential that you "Dial Before You Dig" before undertaking any work anywhere near the easement that breaks the surface of the ground, including digging, ploughing, installing fence posts, boring or excavating.

This also applies to any contractors that may be working on your property.

Dial Before You Dig is a national referral service. It provides free advice about the location of any underground pipes and cables, along with information on how to work safely and carefully whilst excavating in the vicinity of underground assets.

How to contact Dial Before You Dig

Online: www.1100.com.au

Phone: 1100 (anywhere in Australia)

Fax: 1300 652 077

CONTACT US

If you have any other questions about the easement, or if you need to report any faults or maintenance issues, please contact AquaSure:

Online: www.aquasure.com.au

Email: contactus@aquasure.com.au

Phone: 1800 811 214 (freecall)

Post: PO Box 885, Wonthaggi VIC 3995

VICTORIAN DESALINATION PROJECT

EASEMENTS

AQUASURE

Where are the utility assets located?

The utility assets are underground. Some pits are partly above ground.

Signage along the 92km of easements between Berwick/Cranbourne and the desalination plant near Wonthaggi highlights that underground assets are in place and that "Dial Before You Dig" must be contacted before any works that break the surface of the ground are undertaken in their vicinity.

Who will need to access the easement?

AquaSure's operations and maintenance contractor, Watersure, and the Electrical Operator (AusNet Services) are contracted to operate and maintain the utility assets on behalf of AquaSure.

The operators have the legal right to access the easement to operate and maintain the utility assets. Most access will be only for inspections. However where repairs are required, some equipment may be used.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE

- Damaging the underground assets may result in death or life-threatening injuries
- Take care on the easement – you may be held financially liable for any damage you cause to the utility assets or signage
- Be sure to maintain easy access to the utility assets at all times
- Observe the conditions of use in the Memorandum of Common Provisions

Will I be contacted if the utility operators need access to my property?

You will be informed in advance when routine access to the easement is required at your property. This may not be possible in an emergency.

How should I obtain permission for a land use that may interfere with the operation or maintenance of the utility assets?

In general, you may continue to use the easement land so long as that use does not interfere with the right to operate and maintain the utility assets. If the use may interfere with that right then you need prior written consent.

Contacting "Dial Before You Dig" or AquaSure will start the process by which your proposal will be considered and instructions issued.

Why should I call Dial Before You Dig?

The easement contains vital equipment important to the operation of the desalination plant. Depending on the location of your property, the easement on your property may contain a 220kV high-voltage underground electrical cable. For your own safety, it is absolutely essential that you ring "Dial Before You Dig" on 1100 before undertaking any activities that break the surface of the ground anywhere near the easement.

If you don't, you risk damaging the underground assets or digging into the electrical cable, which could result in death or life-threatening injuries.

The consent process

Application stage

1. Inquiry made through "Dial Before You Dig" to identify assets near the area you wish to work.

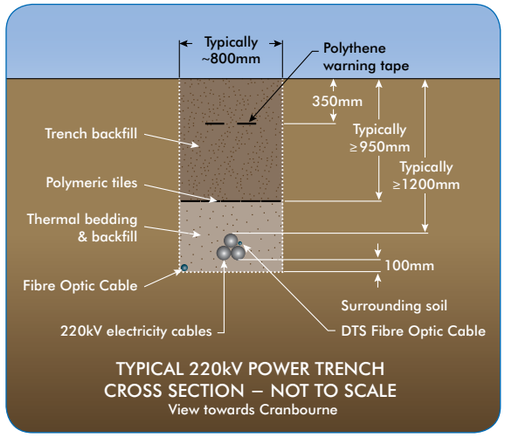
   Detailed proposal for work or other land use is then lodged with AquaSure.

Assessment stage

2. The proposal is assessed by the parties involved in operation and maintenance of the utility assets

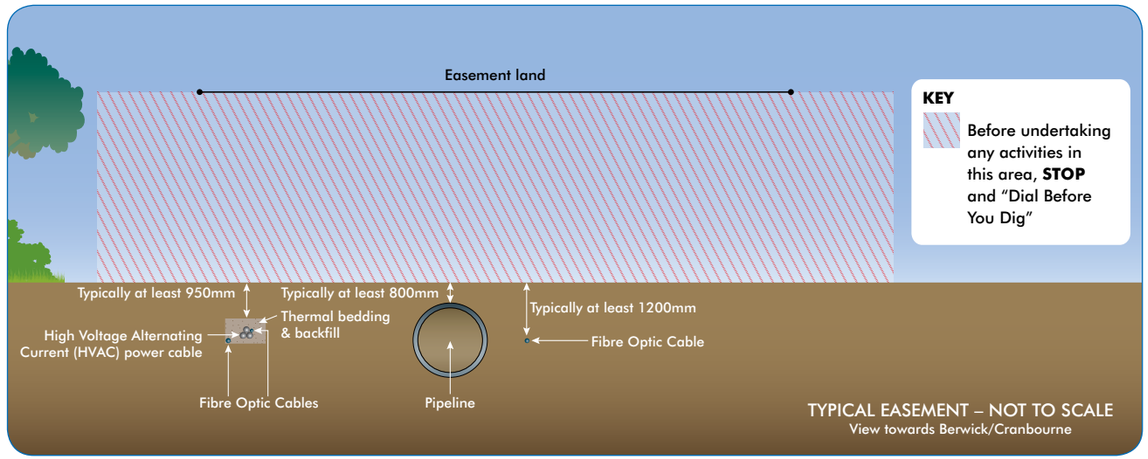
Decision stage

3. A written response is sent to the applicant and/or a request for more information (if required)



TYPICAL 220kV POWER TRENCH CROSS SECTION – NOT TO SCALE
View towards Cranbourne

Note: Dimensions shown in the sketches are indicative only. Depths can change over time. For example, erosion can reduce the depth. Therefore it is absolutely essential that you ring "Dial Before You Dig" on 1100 before digging, ploughing, installing fence posts, boring, excavating or breaking the ground anywhere near the easement.



TYPICAL EASEMENT – NOT TO SCALE
View towards Berwick/Cranbourne