

**ELECTRICITY SUPPLY EMERGENCY PROVISIONS**

In accordance with the Proclamation by the Governor in Council dated 25 July 1989 declaring the Part IVA of the State Electricity Commission Act, relating to electricity supply emergency provisions, is to apply and a delegation from the Minister for Industry, Technology and Resources of the same date to me of his powers and functions contained in subsection (1) and (2) of section 45B of the Act to enable the emergency provisions to be implemented, I give the following directions.

**ELECTRICITY RESTRICTIONS**

**No Stand-Downs for Business, Industry and Commerce**

Trade union bans in the Latrobe Valley have limited power generation, forcing restrictions on the use of electricity throughout Victoria.

Restrictions will apply from midnight Wednesday 23 August 1989 until further notice.

They apply to all premises located in Victoria of all private and public sector organisations.

The restrictions do not apply to customers who use their own generating plant in isolation from the SECV system.

The restrictions are as follows:

**HOUSEHOLDERS**

*Electricity may not be used for the following:*

Clothes drying; Cooling: (no air conditioners); Dishwashing machines; Electric tools; Electronic musical equipment; Hobby appliances and games; Personal computers; Swimming pool filters or heaters; Video recorders or playback units.

*The absolute minimum use of electricity is permitted for the following:*

Cooking; Heating: space heating, one room only; Hot water services; Lighting: interior—no more than three lights at any time, exterior—for safety

and security only; Medical appliances and machines; Radios: one only at any time; Refrigerators and freezers; Security systems; Television sets: one only at any time; Washing machines.

**BUSINESS, INDUSTRY, COMMERCE AND OTHER PREMISES**

*Electricity may not be used for the following:*

Air conditioners: for cooling or heating of premises. However, ventilation fans may be operated for the safety of people or animals; Decorative lighting: for external and internal signs, displays, etc. in all premises; Heating of premises: all heating including space heaters and radiators; Lifts: Permitted in hospitals, residential apartments and hotels. All other premises—no more than one-half of the number of lifts installed is permitted; Lighting: Up to half the normal lighting in all premises is permitted. Other lights permitted only for safety, security and emergency use; Television or video equipment: for promotional or advertising purposes; Television production: not more than 50% of load.

*The absolute minimum use of electricity is permitted for other purposes.*

If these restrictions are not observed, electricity may have to be switched off to individual premises or areas, to ensure that electricity used does not exceed available supply, and to avoid widespread blackouts throughout the State.

To check if you may use power for a particular activity or operation, please call your Electricity Supply Authority, whose telephone number is shown on your account.

Dated 24 August 1989

**J. R. SMITH**  
Chief General Manager  
State Electricity Commission of Victoria

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