

Technical Bulletin

TB 0268 – Maximum height of pole mounted operational equipment

Purpose

This technical bulletin is to update the requirements for the maximum height of pole mounted operational equipment that is to be installed.

Background

As detailed in, MCI 0005 Clause 3.21, pole mounted operational equipment (such as USL's, DOF's, LBS's, etc.) must be *"mounted on the pole such that it can be operated using an extendable link stick"*.

There have been instances where equipment has been mounted too high on the pole, making it difficult to operate it from the ground. As this type of equipment is operated on a frequent basis, it presents a manual handling hazard for the operators.

Actions

New Poles

All new operational equipment such as USL, DOF, LBS and the like **must** be constructed such that their switching mechanism is no higher than 10m from the ground to allow their operation using an extendable link stick.

Existing Poles

Where operational equipment is found with its switching mechanism higher than 10m from the ground, it is not a requirement to defect this equipment. However, if work is being completed on the pole, the operational equipment may be lowered, provided a design has been completed to ensure minimum clearances are maintained.

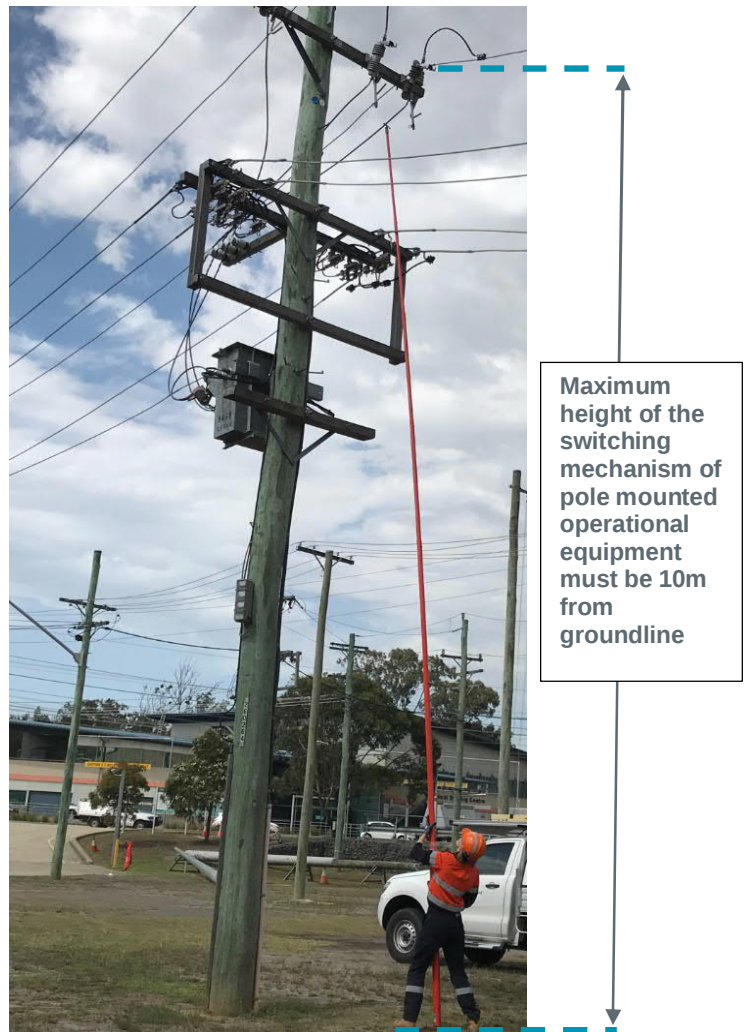


Figure 1

Implementation

The requirements of this bulletin are effective immediately.

Impacted Standards/Specification:

The contents of this technical bulletin will be included in the next revision of MCI 0005.