

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Energy Services Corporations Amendment (Distributor Efficiency) Bill 2013

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Proposed amendments

No. 1. Page 5, Schedule 1 [6]. Insert after line 13:

**21 Maintenance of staff numbers in rural centres**

- (1) Each energy distributor must ensure that the number of regular staff of the energy distributor employed at a rural centre is, as far as is reasonably practicable, maintained at not less than the same level of regular staff as were employed by the energy distributor at the rural centre immediately before the commencement of section 9A.
- (2) This section operates for 5 years after the commencement of section 9A.
- (3) In this section:  
*regular staff* of an energy distributor means:
  - (a) staff appointed to a position within the organisational structure of the energy distributor, otherwise than on a temporary basis, and
  - (b) casual staff who are engaged by the energy distributor on a regular and systematic basis for a sequence of periods of employment during a period of at least 6 months and who have a reasonable expectation of continuing employment with the energy distributor,

but does not include senior staff.

*rural centre* means a centre of population of <sup>30000</sup>5,000 people or fewer.