

# Site Readiness Guideline

## Preparing your site for a new natural gas connection

### Access

The site must allow clear access for field work crews to enter and exit safely to complete their work.

### Clean & Clear

Proposed gas service line and meter location must be free from:

- Scaffolding
- Temporary fencing
- Bins and toilets
- Trip hazards
- Construction debris

Our preference is to avoid other trades on-site that may hinder the installation of the service.

### Location

The gas meter location must be positioned externally to any building and freely ventilated, avoiding areas where escaping gas may become trapped. Meter location must be accessible at all times to enable isolation, reading and maintenance.

Avoid locations where the meter will be a trip hazard, and areas susceptible to interference, vandalism or damage from vehicles.

The meter must be in a compliant position in accordance with AS/NZS 5601 and AS/NZS 4645.

### Gas Meter Minimum Clearances

500mm Electricity meter box

500mm Electrical ignition sources

500mm Electrical earthing stake

1000mm Egress, openings (e.g. window, door, garage and vents)

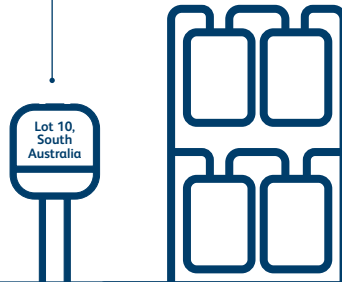
1000mm Driveway where other safe locations are possible

3000mm Mechanical air inlet



### Markings

The site must be clearly labeled with the lot/house number, street and suburb all of which should be visible from the street. Furthermore, the final ground levels should be clearly indicated on-site so the depth of cover for gas lines can be achieved.



For multi-dwelling installations where a manifold (meter bracket) is used, each outlet must be clearly labeled with the unit number for ease of identification for meter installation, isolation, reading and maintenance.

## Confirmation

Upon receiving your request for a new gas connection, APA will raise a work order and email a "gas confirmation letter" to the account holder. Please note that further steps are necessary to arrange your connection.

- ✓ To schedule your connection, kindly fill out the application form included within the gas confirmation letter and submit it to the designated contractor. Please ensure you provide a minimum of 3 weeks' notice for the gas-required date.

- ✓ The designated contractor will schedule a site inspection to verify your site is prepared for the installation of the gas service line.

- ✓ Meeting the criteria for site readiness is crucial to ensure the safety and efficiency of our crews while minimising delays for your connection as well as others who have scheduled work.

*The details provided on this sheet serve as a general guideline. If you require additional information or specific advice, please reach out to your AGN or APA representative, or call APA New Connections on 1300 001 001.*