

Industry update

Cabling and electrical product supply chains are robust: business as usual

NECA is aware some members have had challenges sourcing electrical cable in recent weeks.

We have been engaging manufacturers as a priority and following discussions with the main cabling manufacturers, we understand there is enough cable in Australia to meet your local needs. There are currently no supply issues and there is sufficient inventory.

A major manufacturer had a brief supply issue last month after its Chinese factory shut for longer than expected due to coronavirus (COVID-19). This has now been resolved and the manufacturer's factory is operating at full capacity and is shipping to Australia a third more product than usual.

Other manufacturers have had no issues, although there has been increased demand as contractors appear to be stockpiling product.

We urge contractors to only purchase the products they need, to avoid inconveniencing other electrical contractors and having unnecessary stock on hand.

NECA has also spoken with local wholesalers and other electrical product manufacturers. All have reported having good inventories and that it is business as usual at this time.

Member health and safety

Members should follow the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) advice of relevant authorities and stay informed by monitoring www.health.gov.au

We have also developed the following checklist to help ensure your workplace is prepared for COVID-19 <https://necawhs.typeform.com/to/IYFDDF>

We continue to monitor the situation carefully and will keep members updated as required.

For further information please contact your local NECA Branch or email necanat@neca.asn.au

ENDS

NECA media contact

Katherine Cammuso – katherine.cammuso@neca.asn.au or +61 2 410 609 443

Notes for editors

1. *NECA is the peak industry body representing the interests of electrical and communications contractors Australia-wide.*
2. *Membership comprises approximately 5,400 electrical contractors, employing in excess of 60,000 employees Australia wide.*
3. *NECA provides employment and ongoing skills development for over 4,500 apprentices Australia wide.*
4. *A selection of high-resolution electrical contractor and apprentice insitu images compliant to Standard AS/NZS 4836:2011 are available free by visiting the [NECA image library](#).*