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POWER OUTAGE ACROSS SUBURBS OF RYDE – Thursday 10 September 2015

An investigation is currently in progress by authorities including WorkCover, to confirm the cause and reasons why a power outage occurred across suburbs in the Ryde area on Thursday 10 September 2015 following damage to a high voltage cable servicing the Meadowbank Substation.

This resulted in power failure to the suburbs of Denistone East, Eastwood, West Ryde, Meadowbank and parts of Ryde. A contractor engaged by Council was undertaking kerb and gutter and stormwater works in Pittwater Road, East Ryde area at the time.

The City of Ryde immediately provided full assistance in making staff available, who remained at the site until the power had been fully restored.

In preparation for these works, Ausgrid together with the appointed contractor had several on-site visits in confirming the location of the high voltage cables prior to excavations commencing on the site. Confirmation was also made with the Dial-Before-You-Dig service in confirming the location of the cables.

As a result of this incident, this matter is under investigation and a meeting has been scheduled for Monday 14 September 2015 between Ausgrid, the contractor and City of Ryde to coordinate the repair work to ensure minimal disruptions to the network and the community.

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