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Electricity Distributors remain confident in smart meter safety

The five Victorian electricity distributors remain confident that the roll out of the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) program – or “smart meters” - is safe.

In April this year, Energy Safe Victoria, completed a comprehensive investigation into smart meters and their installation, and found that “meters are being installed safely and by qualified and trained people.”

The installation of 850,000 smart meters across Victoria so far has uncovered an estimated 6,500 faults in customer electrical wiring and other defects that have been fixed as a result of the AMI installation process. Every one of these is a potential safety issue averted.

All AMI installers are either licensed electrical contractors, registered line workers, or certified meter technicians. They also undertake Victorian Government-accredited training before going into the field to install smart meters.

The AMI rollout reflects industry’s commitment to always putting safety first to protect its workers and the community.

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