



# PIONEER SCHEME DISCLOSURE

# Pioneer scheme background

From 1 April 2026, WEL has operated a pioneer scheme so that a connection applicant who intends to use a network extension that has been previously paid for by another customer will contribute to the cost of the original works. The customer who initially paid for the extension (the First Pioneer) then receives a rebate.

Operating a pioneer scheme helps to ensure that the costs of extension assets and works are shared across connecting parties in a fair and efficient manner. We have the role of administering the scheme, including collecting Pioneer Scheme contributions, determining whether any later connections will also take on pioneer status, and providing rebates to the Pioneer (or Pioneers).

We use the following approach to provide stakeholders with information about each active pioneer scheme:

- (i) pioneer scheme reference number
- (ii) the location of the pioneer scheme on the network
- (iii) the start date of the pioneer scheme
- (v) the relevant opening value(s) of the pioneer scheme
- (vi) the expiry date of the pioneer scheme
- (v) the methodology that will be used to calculate contributions for the pioneer scheme

We update active pioneer scheme details as required. Details of active schemes will be confirmed to applicants during the process.



Reference number	Scheme location	Scheme start date	Scheme expiry date	Scheme opening value	Contribution methodology

