

Contestable Works Process for Tie-in

Proposal to reduce the time between the Date of Practical Completion and Customer Target Date.

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Achieving reduced Tie-in timeframes

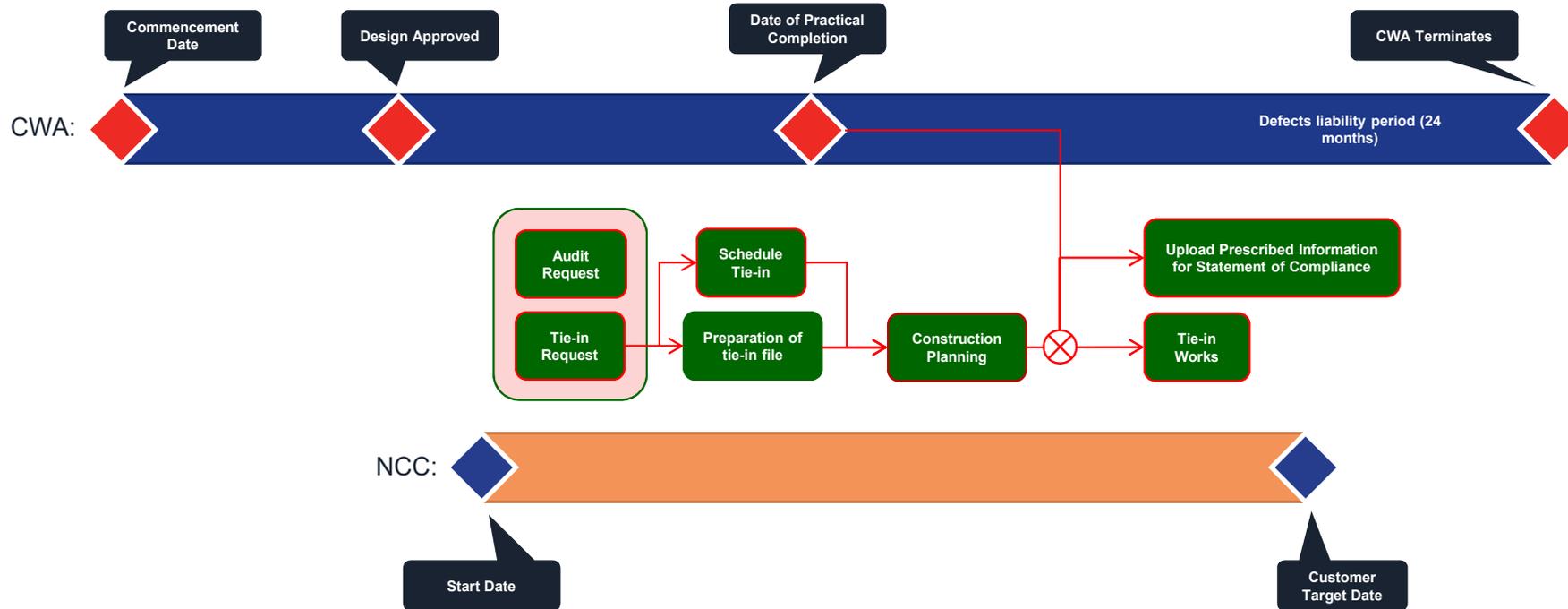
At the moment a request for tie-in is generally submitted to Powercor with a signed *Certificate of Practical Completion*. Powercor often does not have visibility of when to expect this submission, and we are reactively planning for assets to be tied into the electricity grid. Powercor currently targets tie-in to be completed within 10 weeks from practical completion.

Following feedback from industry Powercor is committed to reducing our target turnaround time from 10 weeks to 4 weeks (or as otherwise agreed for a development).

Achieving this outcome requires a few process changes effective immediately:

- Tie-in requests shall be submitted to the Project Delivery Lead at the same time as a request for Final Audit.
- Both Powercor and the developer commit to an agreed delivery plan which includes a forecast Date of Practical Completion and Customer Target Date (the date by which a development will be tied in).
- Notify Powercor immediately if you can no longer deliver to the agreed plan.

New Process Overview



Powercor will start planning to tie-in your development while your project is in its final stages. By the time Practical Completion is achieved we will already have the tie-in works scheduled. This allows us to significantly reduce the lead time to tie-in your development and meet the agreed Customer Target Date.

Benefits and Risks

There are a few things to keep in mind when agreeing to the delivery plan for tie-in:

- Tie-in can be achieved in as little as 4 weeks from Practical Completion.
- Statement of Compliance can be granted sooner for projects which require tie-in to be completed for consent.
- Late notification that Practical Completion will not be achieved by the agreed date will disrupt Powercor's schedule and resourcing. Losses incurred (due to rework, stranded field resources, etc.) may be passed through to the developer/customer.
- Powercor will have controls in place to prevent the energisation of assets that are yet to be handed over.
- Developers/customers can always request increased turnaround times to remove the dependency on the Date of Practical Completion being achieved by a pre-agreed date.

Next steps

Your first point of contact for discussing your project needs is always your allocated Project Delivery Lead. They can answer your questions, provide advice on how to set your project up for success, and can immediately respond to any issues you are having on your project.

If you are not satisfied with the level of service you are receiving from your Project Delivery Lead, or you are experiencing any issues in contacting them, please email contestable@powercor.com.au