

Fact Sheet #7

Technical Policy



Meter Position Policy for Commercial Developments

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Your Network Development Representative can provide more detailed printed guides, and connect you with technical staff to assist with planning.

Where can natural gas meters be positioned?

Commercial developments can range from large shopping centers to small 'strips' of shops in suburban high streets, and apartment complexes.

Developments like these often have several tenants connected to the natural gas network.

While each project has unique requirements, APA Group has a firm policy on what constitutes appropriate arrangement and placement of natural gas meters.

As a rule, natural gas meters should be grouped in common meter areas, and positioned as near as practical to the property boundary and/or on the external facing wall of a building.

All new commercial developments should be planned to meet these requirements.

Separate billing meter for each tenant

All new commercial developments should plan for a separate billing meter for each gas customer.

What are the benefits of the policy?

- Grouping meters together in a convenient location, close to the property boundary, puts network assets in easy reach of APA Group's work crews. This means that maintenance and any emergency work can be carried out quickly and safely.
- Individual billing meters allow gas customers to choose and change their natural gas retailer, taking advantage of the deregulated market to secure competitive retail arrangements to suit their business needs.

APA Group has consulting and technical engineering staff who can help you with the complexities of the policy, and how it relates to your project.

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