

**United Energy and Cable Bundling
Report of Meeting between Roy Weidemeyer (MBRA) and James Doherty (UE)**

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Subject: RE: United Energy & Merricks Beach Site Meeting

Thanks James Doherty for meeting with me at Merricks Beach on Monday morning. I plan to post these notes on the Merrick Beach website.
www.merricksbeach.org.au

Confirming the information provided about Aerial Bundled Cables (ABC's) and Merricks Beach.
Please modify accordingly and return. See gaps in **blue**.

Aerial Bundled Cables (ABC's)

ABC's remain an option to reduce risk, however are rarely used as line clearing is still required, though to a lesser degree compared to open power lines.
ABC's are installed along Surf St Merricks Beach. As to what led to their installation (the logic) and how it was funded remains unclear.
Approximate budget price \$10,000 per pole to pole length.

Underground Power Lines

Approximate budget price \$30,000 per pole to pole length
Would require householders to connect from pit to switchboard at householder expense
Would require older householder to replace switchboards and rewire (**bound by Regulations) (state full regulation name here).**

Bush Fire Risk

Merricks Beach is not designated as HBR (High Bushfire Risk).
HBR locations require different risk mitigation strategies
Bushfire Risk is assessed by UE, Council, Government, CFA/MFB.
Different assessments for different asset classes eg Electrical infrastructure, etc.
Information about bushfire risk can be found on (**list website**)

Regards, Roy