Bibliography of Electricity Industry history and heritage materials

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Introduction

This bibliography represents a list of materials relating to the history and heritage of the electricity industry. It is primarily material related to New South Wales (NSW) and Australia, with a small number of New Zealand, UK and USA references. General references on the history of electricity are not included.

Materials identified in this bibliography are available through institutional libraries and have primarily been identified in the collection of EnergyAustralia and the State Library of NSW.

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Websites

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http://www.ewh.ieee.org/r10/nsw/subpages/history/history.htm

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