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- (g) Attach a permanent label to the main earthing conductor at the connection to the earth electrode stating: "WARNING: MAIN ELECTRICAL EARTHING CONDUCTOR – DO NOT DISCONNECT"
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- Dimensions are in millimetres unless shown otherwise.

ASSOCIATED DEPARTMENTAL DOCUMENTS:

- Standard Drawings
Specifications
Traffic and Road Use Management Manual (TRUM)
– Volume 4.3 Electrical Design for Roadside Devices
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1428 Traffic Signals – Traffic Signal Post Base Mounted
1623 Road Lighting – Switchboard Typical Layout and Circuit Diagram MEN System
1628 Road Lighting – Post – Top Mounted Switchboard
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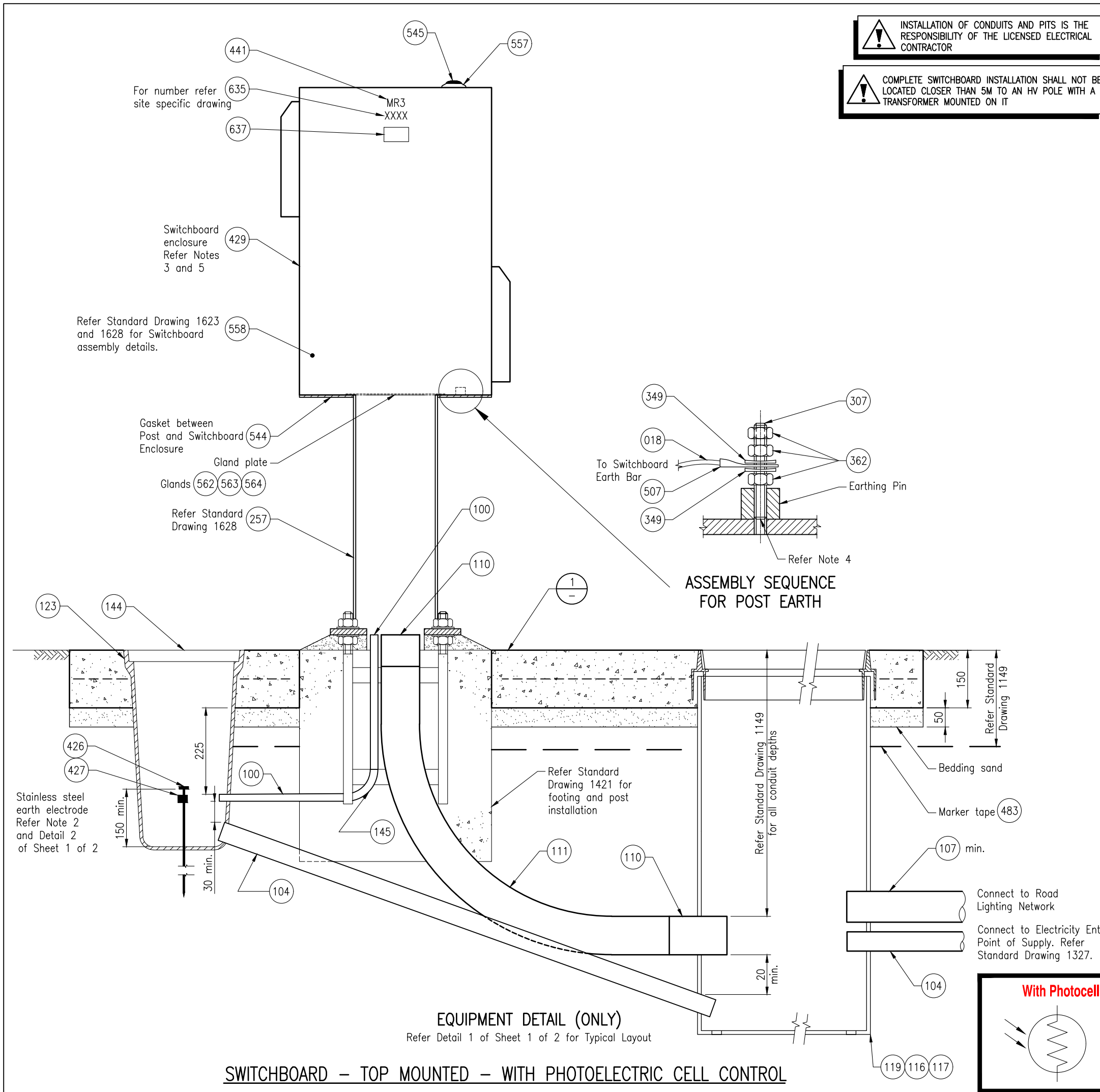
Departmental Specifications:

- MRTS91 Conduits and Pits
MRTS92 Traffic Signal and Road Lighting Footings
MRTS210 Provision of Mains Power
MRTS228 Electrical Switchboards
MRTS256 Power Cables

Australian Standards:

- AS/NZS 3000 Electrical Installations (Wiring Rules)

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