



*Above: Concrete poles for the new transmission line between Manildra and Parkes.*

## Dear Resident,

Welcome to the latest community update on TransGrid's Manildra Parkes Transmission Line Project.

Construction of the new 132 kV transmission line has approached the halfway mark of project completion, with 290 out of the 363 concrete poles installed along the 81 kilometre route between Manildra and Parkes Substations.

TransGrid is building the new transmission line to strengthen the reliability of the electricity network in the Central Slopes and Plains region of New South Wales. The project will bolster supply in the townships of Manildra, Parkes, Cowra and Forbes and surrounding areas.

Downer EDI is constructing the new transmission line for TransGrid. Work commenced in early 2011 and the project is on track for completion by the end of this year.

### Construction has occurred in three stages:

**First stage** of construction commenced with the establishment of access tracks and installation of gates along the transmission line route.

**Second stage** of construction involved the installation of poles and pouring of foundations. This commenced in February 2011 and will continue over the next couple of months until all poles along the transmission line corridor are erected.

**The third and final stage** of construction will occur next month with the stringing of the electrical wires

(conductors). Helicopters will be used to place the electrical wires into position between the standing poles.

TransGrid apologises in advance for any noise generated from this activity and will contact you in advance of the stringing work commencing on your property.

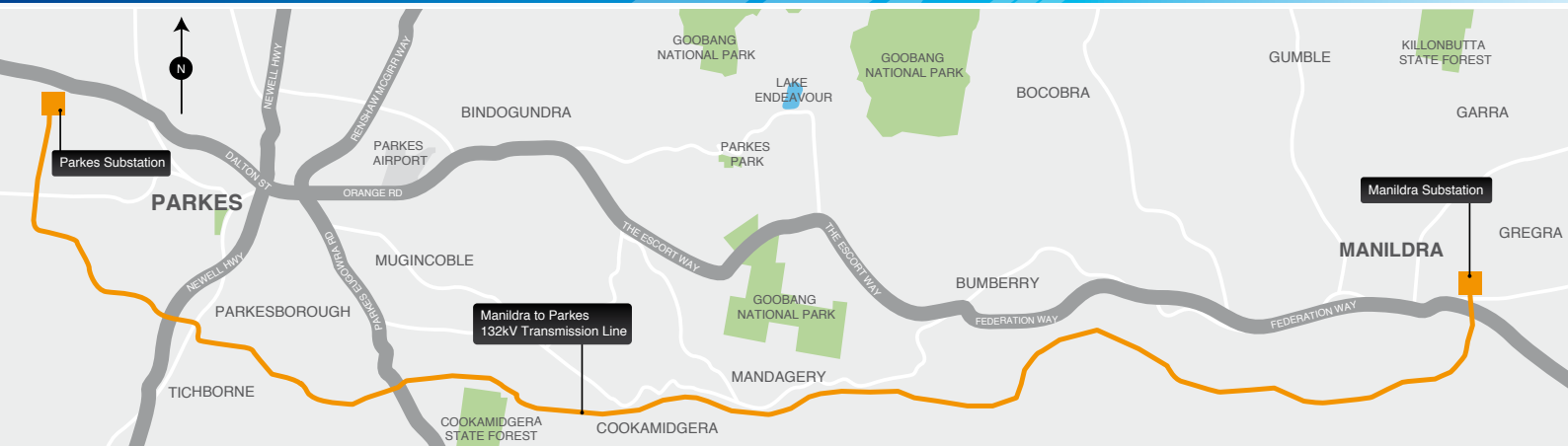
We greatly appreciate your patience over the past few months and look forward to working with you during the final stage of construction.

Yours sincerely,

Project Team



*Above: Helicopters will be used in August for the stringing of electrical wires on the new transmission line.*



Above: Manildra Parkes transmission line route.

### For more information

TransGrid's Community Liaison Officer can assist you with any questions you may have about the Project. TransGrid has a toll free number 1800 222 537 and this operates between 8.30am and 5.00pm Monday to Friday.

### Keeping you informed

Our website is regularly updated – check out [www.transgrid.com.au/manildra-parkes](http://www.transgrid.com.au/manildra-parkes) to find out the latest information. You can sign up to receive email alerts regarding updates to the project.

### Did you know?

- TransGrid is the NSW Government owned corporation responsible for providing a safe, efficient and reliable electricity supply from power stations to cities and major areas of NSW to distributors such as Essential Energy (formerly Country Energy).
- The new 132 kV transmission line is necessary to guarantee high levels of electricity reliability in the Central Slopes and Plains region and meet the growing energy demands in the Parkes, Manildra, Forbes and Cowra areas.
- You can sign up to receive email alerts regarding updates to the project at: [www.transgrid.com.au/manildra-parkes](http://www.transgrid.com.au/manildra-parkes)
- TransGrid currently connects to a large amount of renewable energy sources, including more than 4,000 megawatts of hydro and wind generation. TransGrid is always looking to increase its connections to renewable generators.

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