



### Dear Resident,

## Welcome to the latest community update for TransGrid's Far North NSW Project.

TransGrid has recently commenced a Request for Proposal (RFP) process seeking non-network solutions to help meet peak demand in Far North NSW in the short-term.

TransGrid remains hopeful that a non-network solution, such as demand management, may be feasible in the short-term.

The Far North NSW (Dumaresq to Lismore) Transmission Line Project provides the long-term solution for the future electricity needs of the region. As a result, TransGrid is continuing its plans to deliver this project.

The RFP process is expected to be complete within three months. TransGrid will submit the project's Environmental Assessment (EA) following completion of the RFP. We anticipate that the EA will be placed on public exhibition in the second half of 2010.

TransGrid will continue to keep local residents informed of outcomes of the RFP and ongoing planning for the Far North NSW Transmission Line Project.

Yours sincerely,

The Project Team

### Did you know?

- TransGrid currently connects to a large amount of renewable energy sources in NSW – over 4,000 megawatts of hydro and wind generation
- TransGrid has opened a project site office at 371 Rouse St, Tenterfield
- Our Project Support Officer can be reached at the office from 8.00am to 4.00pm, Monday to Friday, or by phone at 02 6736 3554
- Transmission charges in NSW represent approximately 8 per cent of an average consumer's household energy bill
- You can sign up to receive email alerts of updates to the project website at: [www.transgrid.com.au/farnorthnsw](http://www.transgrid.com.au/farnorthnsw)

## What is an RFP?

A Request for Proposals (RFP) is a process where companies are invited to provide solutions that may have the potential to defer upgrading the electricity grid. The RFP is a technical document outlining the amount of network support, operating capacity, technical and commercial terms.

For the Far North NSW region, up to 70 megawatts of demand management is required over the next five summers. This amount of energy is equivalent to the electricity used by approximately 30,000 average homes during peak periods.

TransGrid will evaluate the proposals against the required levels of network support and other mandatory criteria. TransGrid will then make a recommendation on the most cost effective solution to secure a reliable supply of electricity for the region in the short-term.

Members of the community will be kept informed of outcomes of the RFP.

### For more information

RFP packages may be downloaded at no charge from TransGrid's eTendering website at [www.transgrid.com.au/tenders](http://www.transgrid.com.au/tenders)

Enquiries can be made by phoning 02 9284 3285.

Proposals can be submitted electronically at, [www.transgrid.com.au/tenders](http://www.transgrid.com.au/tenders)

Alternatively they can be placed in the Quotation Box located at:

Metropolitan Regional Centre  
200 Old Wallgrove Road  
Eastern Creek NSW 2766

## Why an RFP?

The RFP process is being undertaken to reduce pressure on Far North NSW's existing transmission network. This will assist TransGrid to maintain a reliable supply of electricity throughout NSW.

As transmission line projects take many years to deliver, non-network solutions, such as demand management, may provide the short-term solution to secure the electricity needed for Far North NSW during peak periods.

## TransGrid is committed to delivering a long-term solution

TransGrid remains committed to the Far North NSW Transmission Line Project, to secure a reliable supply of electricity for the long-term needs of the region.

The Far North NSW Transmission Line Project will increase transmission capacity to the region, delivering electricity reliably and efficiently especially during peak periods.

### Current project activities

Given transmission line projects take several years to deliver, TransGrid will be progressing land surveys and environmental studies for the proposed project over the coming months.

Members of the project team will be undertaking site investigations around the proposed transmission line route in consultation with landowners. These studies will ensure the EA is as detailed as possible and so measures can then be developed to minimise disturbance to the surrounding environment, landowners and the community.

TransGrid would like to reassure residents that activity around the site does not signal that construction has commenced. Work on the transmission line project cannot begin until the project has gained planning approval from the Minister, as per the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

### Timing for the EA

TransGrid is continuing to undertake studies for the project's EA. The EA will be submitted to the NSW Department of Planning shortly after completion of the RFP. This is to ensure outcomes from the RFP are fully considered in the EA. TransGrid anticipates that the EA will be placed on exhibition for public comment, in the second half of 2010.

TransGrid is committed to keeping the local community informed of the project's status, including when the EA becomes available for public comment.

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