

Kempsey to Port Macquarie Project

COMMUNITY UPDATE

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TransGrid contractor PowerServe works to deliver the project in difficult conditions.

Dear Resident,

Welcome to the latest community update on TransGrid's Kempsey to Port Macquarie Transmission Line Project.

The Kempsey to Port Macquarie Transmission Line Project has reached a major milestone, despite enduring a number of delays since it began in late 2008.

The western circuit of the new double-circuit line between Kempsey and Port Macquarie is now complete. TransGrid contractor PowerServe will continue to work during summer to construct the eastern circuit and complete the project by April next year.

Delays to the project were due to a series of severe weather events, including three one-in-one-hundred year floods, several minor floods and regular periods of rain. This resulted in the line's easement being inaccessible to contractor's vehicles and machinery for extended periods of time.

We would like to thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue our efforts to deliver this project for communities across the Mid North Coast. We're committed to keeping you informed as the project progresses.

Yours sincerely,

The Project Team

Did you know?

- TransGrid is upgrading the existing transmission line between Kempsey and Port Macquarie to operate as a double-circuit line, reinforcing power to the Mid North Coast
- The Mid North Coast region, which includes Coffs Harbour, Nambucca Heads, Kempsey, Port Macquarie, Taree and the Great Lakes, is one of the fastest growing regions in NSW
- Forecasts indicate the Mid North Coast population is continuing to increase, with the Hastings-Macleay region expected to accommodate an extra 17,800 homes by 2031
- Completing the Kempsey to Port Macquarie transmission line upgrade within its existing easement has minimised the project's environmental impacts and improved the Mid North Coast's electricity network
- You can sign up to receive email alerts of updates to TransGrid's project website (see full address on back page)
- You can opt out of receiving Community Updates by contacting one of TransGrid's Community Liaison Officers on **1800 222 537**.

Extended construction times

TransGrid has committed to continue work on the project during the summer period.

To enable work to proceed during this time, construction hours have been extended to avoid the need for network outages during periods of peak summer demand.

Work will take place between 5am and 3pm, and may be conducted on weekends when necessary.

TransGrid's contractor PowerServe will contact all property owners prior to work commencing on their property.

TransGrid gives lesson on electrical safety

Students at Bellimbopinni Public School received a close up look at Kempsey Substation as part of TransGrid's BeSafeKidz® electrical safety program in October.

Fourteen year three to six students took part in the hands on lesson, which taught them the importance of electrical safety in and outside the home.

Bellimbopinni Public School Principal Paul Lynch said TransGrid's BeSafeKidz® program was very informative.

"The students really enjoyed it. They learnt a lot about the electricity network and how it works," Mr Lynch said.

To register your children's school for the BeSafeKidz® program, contact one of TransGrid's Community Liaison Officers on **1800 222 537**.



Students at Bellimbopinni Public School get excited about electrical safety.



Rain and flooding has caused significant delays to the Kempsey to Port Macquarie Project.

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