



### Dear Resident,

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

TransGrid is upgrading the electricity network between Kempsey and Port Macquarie to help meet growing energy needs across the region.

Work on the project commenced in late 2008 and is expected to be completed in late 2011.

TransGrid staff and contractors have faced a number of challenges during the project, including a series of severe weather events.

Since the project started, the area on the Mid North Coast has been subject to three one in 100 year floods and several other minor floods.

Regular rain periods have compounded wet conditions, making the transmission line's easement inaccessible to contractor's vehicles and machinery for long periods of time.

Work on the project is scheduled to continue during favourable weather conditions in spring and autumn. Work will be undertaken at these times to avoid periods of peak electricity demand and maintain a reliable supply of electricity to homes and businesses in the region.

TransGrid has been in contact with all landowners directly affected by the upgrade and would like to thank you for your patience during the completion of this project.

Yours sincerely,

The Project Team

### What does the project involve?

→ Upgrading TransGrid's existing 132,000 volt transmission line between Kempsey and Port Macquarie to operate as a double-circuit line and reinforce power supply to the region

### Did you know?

- The Mid North Coast region, which includes Coffs Harbour, Nambucca Heads, Kempsey, Port Macquarie, Taree and the Great Lakes, has one of the fastest growing populations 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 system
- For more information about the Kempsey to Port Macquarie Project or other TransGrid projects, please call TransGrid's Community Liaison Officer on 1800 222 537
- You can sign up to receive email alerts of updates to TransGrid project website at: <http://www.transgrid.com.au/kempseyportmacquarie>

## Current project activities

Despite severe wet weather conditions, TransGrid is nearing the half-way milestone of the Kempsey to Port Macquarie Transmission Line Project.

Work on the project commenced at the northern end of the transmission line and has progressed south towards the Wilson River. All work north of the Wilson River is scheduled to be completed by the end of this month, when construction of the second stage of works south towards Port Macquarie will commence.



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