

# Tomago to Stroud Project

## COMMUNITY UPDATE



### Dear Resident,

## Welcome to the latest community update for TransGrid's Tomago to Stroud Project.

TransGrid is currently undertaking environmental and heritage studies for a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) report. The REF is scheduled to be placed on public display during October 2010.

Preliminary field studies for the REF have now been completed by environmental and heritage staff, while TransGrid's team of surveyors commenced property surveys during March 2010.

TransGrid has also appointed an independent registered property valuer to conduct easement compensation assessments, which will commence in late May 2010.

TransGrid is committed to keeping local residents informed of the project's status, including progress of the REF and property activities as we move forward.

Thank you for your ongoing interest in this project.

Yours sincerely,

The Project Team

### Did you know?

- > Preliminary ecology and heritage field studies have now been completed as part of the Review of Environmental Factors
- > The Tomago to Stroud Project will help address peak demand in the Lower Mid North Coast, which is forecast to increase by up to 35 per cent over the next 10 years
- > TransGrid's project staff can be contacted via our toll-free hotline:  
Phone: 1800 222 537  
Email: [tomago.stroud@transgrid.com.au](mailto:tomago.stroud@transgrid.com.au)
- > You can sign up to receive email alerts of updates to the project website at:  
[www.transgrid.com.au/tomago-stroud](http://www.transgrid.com.au/tomago-stroud)

### About the project

As you may be aware, TransGrid's Tomago to Stroud Project includes:

- > Construction of 6km of new power lines between TransGrid's substation at Tomago and existing power lines at Tarro (just north of Woodberry)
- > Dismantling 65km of the existing power line between Kurri and Stroud and rebuilding it with a 132,000 volt concrete pole line between Tarro and Stroud Road Substation.

The new line will provide a more secure and efficient power supply to customers supplied from EnergyAustralia's new substation at Brandy Hill and Country Energy's Stroud Road Substation.

## Review of Environmental Factors

TransGrid is currently undertaking environmental studies for a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) report.

Preliminary ecology and heritage field studies have now been completed, however TransGrid will be continuing with additional environmental studies over the coming months as part of the environmental assessment process.

It is expected that these studies will be finalised and an REF report placed on public display during October 2010.

## What is an easement?

An easement is a 'right of way' along the route of a transmission line. Easements are acquired so TransGrid can:

1. Ensure the protection of the public by controlling activities within the easement which may create an unsafe situation
2. Construct, operate and maintain its lines.

TransGrid will be acquiring an easement for the existing line between Tarro and Stroud Road and for the new sections of transmission line between Tomago to Tarro.

## Easement compensation and property valuation

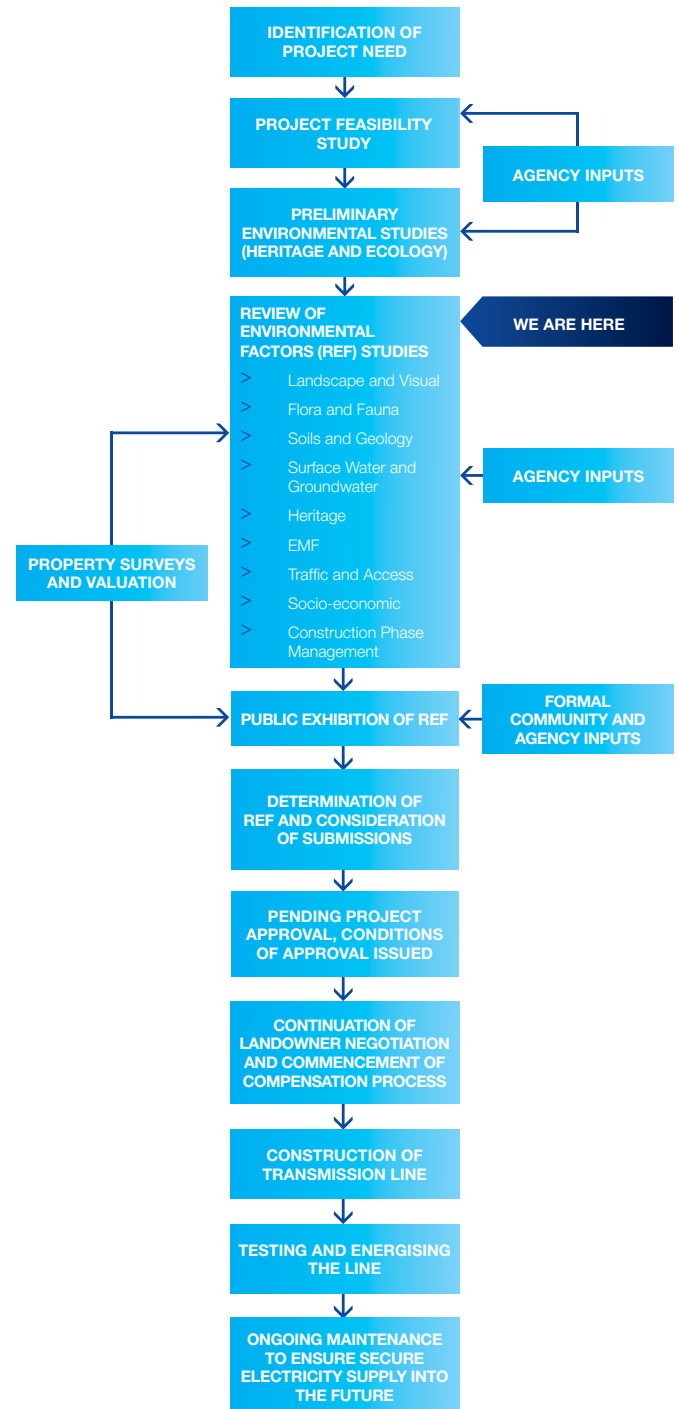
When TransGrid acquires an easement on private property the landholder is entitled to compensation.

Early in 2010, TransGrid engaged an independent registered property valuation firm for the Tomago to Stroud Project.

TransGrid has selected a valuation firm, Jones Lang LaSalle (NSW) Pty Ltd to undertake these valuations. We will keep landowners informed of the progress of valuation assessments as they progress.

If you would like more information on easements or the easement compensation process, please call our Project Enquiry Officer on: 1800 222 537.

## Next steps:



## Contact us

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