

TransGrid's Tomago to Stroud Project

COMMUNITY UPDATE



TransGrid



Dear Resident,

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

Thank you to all community members and local residents who shared with us their ideas about the project in 2009.

Hearing your feedback firsthand has been extremely valuable. Our Project Officers will continue to consult with all landowners directly affected by the proposed transmission line upgrade throughout 2010.

We are now undertaking a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) for the Tomago to Stroud Project, with the aim to have it ready for public exhibition in late 2010.

TransGrid will be providing the community with additional opportunities to have their say about the project during the REF exhibition period. We welcome your ongoing input into the project, and will be continuing to keep you updated on the project's progress.

Please read on for more information on the current status of TransGrid's Tomago to Stroud Project.

Thank you for your ongoing interest in the project and we look forward to working closely with you in 2010.

Yours sincerely,

The Project Team

Did you know?

- > TransGrid is currently conducting a heritage study as part of the initial stages of the Review of Environmental Factors for the project
- > Summer demand in the Lower Mid-North Coast is expected to increase by 3.3% per annum and winter demand by 2.3% per annum
- > The 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
- > TransGrid's \$50 million investment will provide reliable infrastructure to meet forecast demand, providing a secure electricity service for the Lower Mid-North Coast
- > TransGrid's Project staff can be contacted via our toll-free hotline:

Phone: **1800 222 537**

Email: 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

Review of Environmental Factors to commence

TransGrid is about to commence the Review of Environmental Factors (REF) for the proposed upgrade.

The review will cover factors which need to be considered prior to undertaking the project. These include factors such as land use, noise, hours of work, traffic and access, flood levels, Flora and Fauna, cultural heritage, visual amenity and landscape, geology and soils, and electric and magnetic fields.

TransGrid has recently appointed environmental consultancy LandPartners to undertake the REF.

We anticipate the REF will be placed on public exhibition for comment in late 2010. During this time, TransGrid will consult with the community, with input feeding directly into the assessment process.

Community comments on the upgrade

TransGrid appreciates the feedback gained during the consultation process in 2009. Input was provided at public information sessions, individual meetings, and by phone conversations and feedback forms.

TransGrid has listened to the important matters the community has raised. We have incorporated your feedback into our project decision-making.

There will be more opportunities to have your say during the REF exhibition process. We will continue to keep you updated on opportunities for consultation in 2010.

Contact us

For specific project questions, to register your interest or make a personal appointment, please call TransGrid's toll-free project number: 1800 222 537

Or send written enquiries or feedback to:

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