

Tomago to Stroud Project

COMMUNITY UPDATE

October 2011



Millers Forest Public School students visit Tomago Substation as part of TransGrid's BeSafeKidz® program.

Dear Resident,

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

TransGrid's Tomago to Stroud Project (Project) is progressing, with all compensation offers released and a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) currently being finalised.

The remaining offers of compensation have been distributed to affected property owners, following valuation and compensation assessments by independent, registered valuation firm, Jones Lang LaSalle Pty Ltd.

TransGrid is now working with property owners to acquire an easement in accordance with the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991*.

The Project's REF report is currently being finalised and is due to go on public exhibition later this year. The report assesses a range of environmental aspects, including ecology, hydrology, geology and heritage field studies.

A copy of the REF will be available on our website during the exhibition period.

TransGrid will continue to keep landholders informed once the exhibition period begins and the Project progresses.

Yours sincerely,

The Project Team

Did you know?

- TransGrid's investment between Tomago and Stroud will deliver reliable infrastructure needed to meet peak demand across the Lower Mid-North Coast, which is forecast to increase by up to 3.3% each year.
- The Tomago to Stroud Project will provide a more secure and efficient power supply to customers currently supplied by Ausgrid's new substation at Brandy Hill and Essential Energy's Stroud Road Substation.
- TransGrid's project staff can provide more information via our toll-free hotline:
Phone: **1800 222 537**
Email: tomago.stroud@transgrid.com.au
- You can sign up to receive email alerts regarding updates to the project website at: www.transgrid.com.au/tomago-stroud
- You can opt out of receiving Community Updates for this project by contacting one of TransGrid's Community Liaison Officers on **1800 222 537**.

Easement compensation

How does the valuation process work?

In accordance with the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991*, TransGrid seeks to obtain easements through private treaty agreements with the landowner.

If the landowner has obtained a private assessment of compensation for the easement over their property, the valuations by both parties will be reviewed to assist the compensation process.

TransGrid undertakes to compensate each landholder with a monetary amount, which fairly reflects the overall impact of the easement on their property.

Certain reasonable costs incurred by the landholder as a result of the easement acquisition process, such as legal costs or valuation fees, will be reimbursed by TransGrid in addition to the agreed compensation payment.

When is compensation paid?

Compensation will be paid to the landholder when agreement has been reached by both parties and the easement is registered on the land title.

TransGrid gets involved

Stroud Road Bang 'n Bash

TransGrid proudly sponsored the Stroud Road Bang 'n Bash Festival during August in a bid to raise much needed funds for the town's community hall.

The family bonfire and fireworks fundraiser delivers the only major, annual rural fireworks display in the Great Lakes area.

Celebrating its 11th year, the event attracted more than 200 people from across the Hunter and surrounding regions.

School visit

Millers Forest Public School students received an up-close look at Tomago Substation as part of TransGrid's BeSafeKidz® electrical safety program in August.

Seventeen year three to six students participated in a hands-on lesson and an excursion to Tomago Substation, which taught them the importance of electrical safety in and outside the home.

Following its launch last year, the BeSafeKidz® program has visited six schools within the Northern Region, including Gloucester Public School and Stroud Public School.



Tree-ting Tomago with TransGrid

More than 40 people took part in Tree-ting Tomago with TransGrid. The planting day, held earlier this year, resulted in more than 500 plants being established across one of TransGrid's easements at Tomago.

The plantings were an essential part of the Project, helping to establish habitat corridors across the easement for native fauna.



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