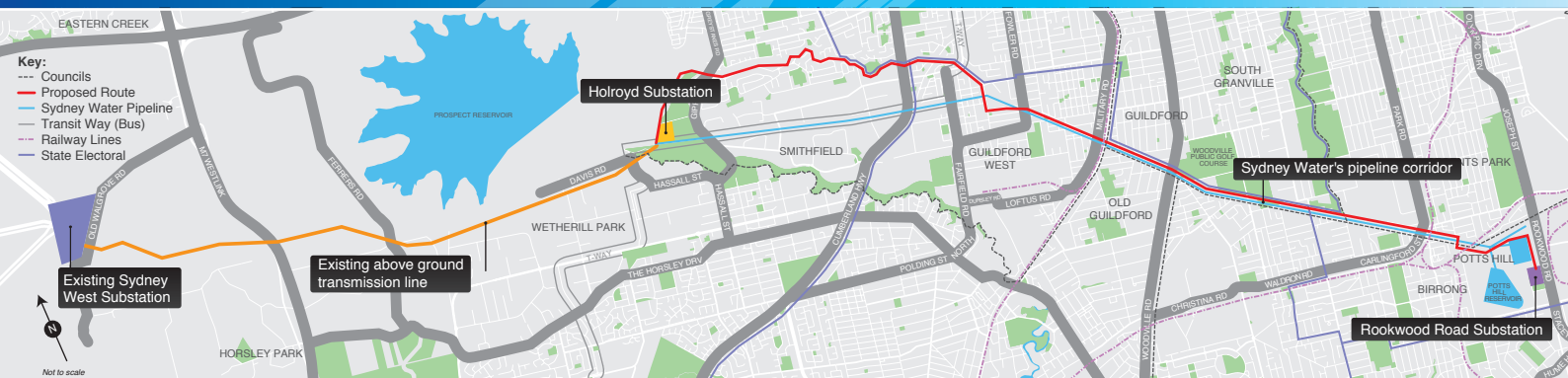


Western Sydney Supply Project

COMMUNITY UPDATE

December 2011



Above: The route of the Western Sydney Supply Project between Sydney West Substation at Eastern Creek and the new substation at Potts Hill.

Welcome to the latest community update on the Western Sydney Supply Project.

Dear Residents,

Being one of TransGrid's biggest investments in the NSW power grid, the Western Sydney Supply Project (WSSP) includes the following four sub-projects:

1. An upgrade to TransGrid's existing transmission line between Eastern Creek and Greystanes;
2. Construction of a new Holroyd electrical substation at Greystanes;
3. Construction of a new Rookwood Road electrical substation at Potts Hill; and
4. Installation of 15 kilometres of underground electrical cables between the two new substations.

Two public exhibitions are planned in the coming weeks regarding the WSSP underground cables and transmission line upgrade. Please turn over the page for more information on the upcoming public exhibitions, and how you can have your say.

Thank you for your continued interest and in the WSSP. We hope you have a safe and happy holiday season.

Yours sincerely,

The Project Team

Did you know?

- Once completed, the WSSP will ensure a continued reliable power supply to Sydney and the greater west.
- Review of Environmental Factors (REFs) determine the potential impacts of a project on the area through specialist field studies by independent consultants.
- The new 330 kV electricity cables will be installed along the Sydney Water pipeline corridor and alongside the Canal Reserve Cycleway. The cable route will have minimal impact on residential properties.



Above: TransGrid has been working with property owners along the transmission line corridor to secure an easement for the line to be upgraded from 132 kV to 330 kV.



Above: A section of the WSSP cables will be installed alongside the Greystanes aqueduct on an existing unsealed access road, minimising impact on the surrounding vegetation and the historic aqueduct.

Public exhibition

TransGrid will be publicly exhibiting environmental studies for the following two components of the WSSP:

1. Transmission line upgrade between Sydney West and Holroyd Substations; and
2. Installation of cables between the two new substations.

These documents are referred to as the Review of Environmental Factors (REFs) and consider the possible impacts of a project including the visual landscape, community, natural environment and heritage of an area.

TransGrid engaged independent consultants to undertake specialist field studies to examine the various aspects of both the transmission line upgrade and cable installation.

You will have the opportunity to comment on the various aspects of these components once the REFs are available for public display.

A note will be sent to you in the mail to advise of when and where you can read the document and comment on the WSSP REFs. An advertisement will also be placed in your local newspapers.

REFs are prepared in accordance with Part 5 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and TransGrid will place these on public display for at least 30 days to give you an opportunity to comment on the document.

Public exhibition locations will include TransGrid's office at Eastern Creek, a number of local libraries and the website address: www.transgrid.com.au/westernsydnaysupply

WSSP timeframes

- Construction of both the cable installation and transmission line upgrade are expected to begin mid 2012.
- Construction of two new substations at Greystanes and Potts Hill are commencing in the coming weeks. TransGrid contracted Alstom Grid for the design and construct of the new substations. Environmental approvals for the substations were obtained close to 12 months ago, after the 30 day exhibition period.

Keeping you informed

TransGrid is committed to keeping residents and businesses informed about WSSP through community updates, its website (www.transgrid.com.au/westernsydnaysupply) and a toll free Project Hotline **1800 222 537**.

You can also request a copy of the REFs on CD by calling TransGrid's dedicated Community Liaison Officer on **1800 222 537**.

If you do not wish to receive these community updates, please call our Community Liaison Officer on **1800 222 537**.

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