

ENERGYCONNECT

Newsletter

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Welcome to the October EnergyConnect newsletter.

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In our last newsletter, we asked you to help us better understand the types of project benefits that would be meaningful to you and your community.

The survey is still open and we would love to hear from you.

[Take the survey](#)



Connect with us in your community

In November, the EnergyConnect team will be hosting community information sessions, where you can drop-in, ask questions and learn more about the project.

We'll be visiting Jerilderie, Urana, Lockhart, Wagga Wagga, Boorooban, Buronga and Balranald from 8 November 2021.

Drop into a session anytime and meet the team.

In accordance with NSW Government guidelines, COVID-19 safety plans will be in place for everyone's safety.

[See session dates, times and locations](#)



Online information sessions

What we heard

In September 2021, we held three online Community Information Sessions to share EnergyConnect project information and answer your questions.

This video includes the presentation segment of the information session held on 14 September 2021. The presentation segment was consistent at all three sessions.

A summary of all questions asked across the three sessions and their respective answers will be available in a Q&A Report in the near future.

We are making this information available online for anyone who could not attend one of the online sessions and to demonstrate our commitment to open and transparent engagement.

[Watch the webinar](#)



EnergyConnect NSW-Western Section approved

The NSW Government has approved the EnergyConnect NSW–Western Section following a thorough review of the project’s Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

The NSW–Western Section includes works between the NSW/SA border, Transgrid’s existing substation at Buronga, and the NSW/Victorian border

Construction on the NSW-Western Section is expected to begin in early 2022. In addition, we are preparing a separate EIS for works between Buronga and Wagga Wagga, known as the NSW–Eastern Section.

[Read more about the NSW-Western Section approval](#)

Future-proofing the interconnector

Following extensive consultation with stakeholders and government, we will upgrade the EnergyConnect interconnector between Wagga Wagga and the proposed Dinawan substation to future-proof the network.

This section will have a transmission capacity of 500 kV instead of the initially proposed 330 kV.

Upgrading the interconnector now will significantly reduce any potential future need for an additional transmission line through this area, reducing the overall impact on landholders and communities. We anticipate the line will initially operate at 330 kV.

For landholders, the total proposed easement width will not change as it can safely accommodate a 500 kV line. The transmission towers required for a 500 kV transmission line are of a similar height — approximately 60 m — with the primary difference being a slightly larger tower footprint.

[Read more about the upgrade](#)



Apply now for Community Partnerships Program funding

Do you know of a community group, public school or not-for-profit organisation in the Riverina or Murray regions looking to deliver an initiative for local benefit?

Our Community Partnerships Program (CPP) funds not-for-profits in areas where our assets are located or under development.

We are looking for projects or activities that provide a tangible and lasting impact on local communities. Preference is given to initiatives that improve or promote public safety, wellbeing, health, education or the environment.

Applications close at 5pm on 7 November 2021.

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