

Energy Connect update

Where we are on the project timeline



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Stakeholder Engagement

Key engagement activities in last month

- ✓ Engagement Roadshow delivered to construction workforce at Dinawan and Cobb Highway camps
- ✓ Project update presentation provided to 30 members of Wagga Rotary Club at Discovery Hub
- ✓ July eNews EDM distributed to 500+ online subscribers
- ✓ 8 construction notifications issued for Line 2 and Line 5
- ✓ Regional major projects roundtable hosted at Transgrid Discovery Hub

Upcoming engagement activities

- ✓ Holbrook Rd line stringing communications campaign including engagement pop-ups on 8 August
- ✓ Engagement pop-ups at Uranquinty and The Rock on 10-11 August
- ✓ Project presentation and site visit for HumeLink stakeholders on 13 August
- ✓ Wentworth Show engagement 30-31 August
- ✓ Rufus River Memorial First Nations Engagement 30 August
- ✓ Project updates to Wentworth and Balranald shires on 1 September

Social Licence

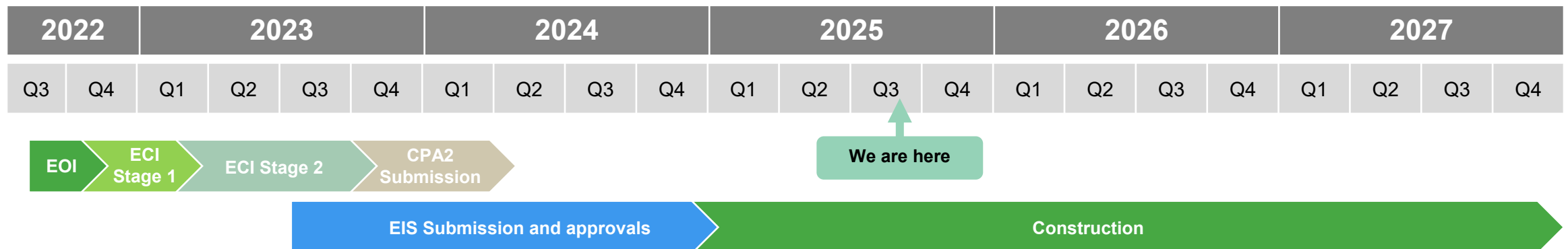
- ✓ Wagga Business Chamber Golden Crow Awards sponsorship and attendance at awards presentation
- ✓ Positive media coverage across regional TV and print in relation to progress on eastern section of EnergyConnect
- ✓ Participation in delivery of Wiradjuri education program at Discovery Hub



Regional news coverage (left) and Engagement Roadshow (above)

HumeLink update

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Stakeholder Engagement

- ✓ Letter of support received from Goulburn-Mulwaree Council for HLE accommodation strategy for Crookwell workers
- ✓ Meeting with Upper Lachlan Shire Council and MP Wendy Tuckerman to progress discussions on HLE accommodation strategy for Crookwell workers
- ✓ Consultation with 7 landowners on HLE has involved meetings and offers of mitigation for visual impact
- ✓ Community Investment consultation – grant writing workshops were held in-person and online
- ✓ HLE community information sessions (including Social Impact Management Plan) in Crookwell and Taralga 2/3 July
- ✓ HLE Delivery Partner spoke at Yass Business Chamber Networking Breakfast on 4 July
- ✓ Consistency Assessments prepared following consultation on proposed Lower Bago Road and Cullinga Park Lane compounds (HLW)
- ✓ Snowy Valleys Business Awards (25 July) – joint sponsorship HLE/HLW and Transgrid

Social Licence and Community Investment

- ✓ Community Investment and Benefits Program EOI closed 27 July –118 applications received
- ✓ EOI for Cultural Awareness Training closed
- ✓ Telco connectivity – signal booster solution progressed, four initial sites identified
- ✓ Grand Pacific Health Contract signed, awaiting completion of delivery plan

Upcoming

- ✓ Finalising discussions with Upper Lachlan Shire Council regarding HLE accommodation strategy
- ✓ HLE - Landowner discussions continuing with regard to visual impact assessments
- ✓ Golden Crow Business Awards (1 August) - Joint sponsorship PEC and HumeLink
- ✓ Awaiting outcome on possible Regulation change re: vegetation clearing in environmentally sensitive areas on NSW Forestry plantations

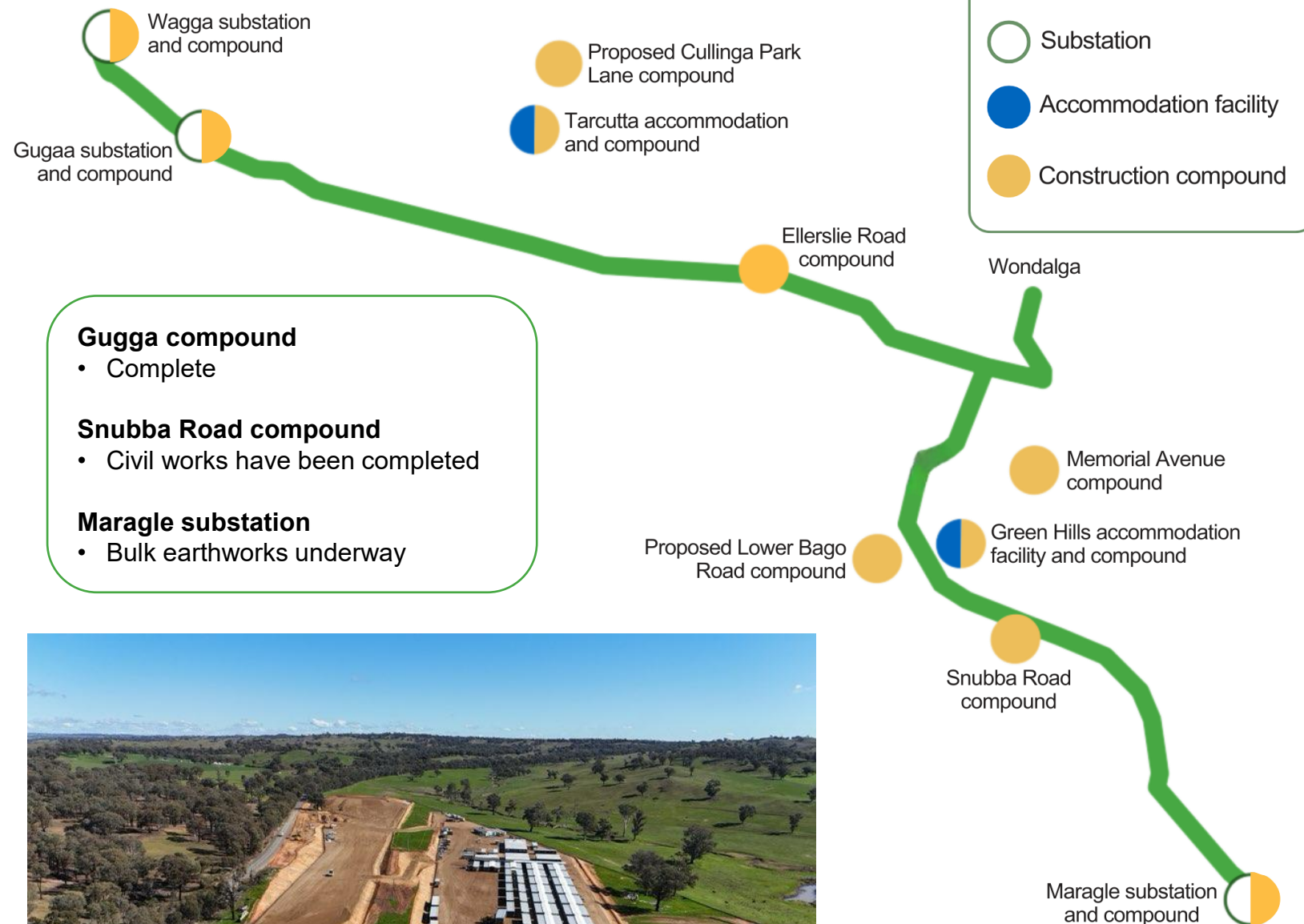
HumeLink West update

Tarcutta accommodation facility

- Civil works have been **completed** on the northern pad
- Modular prefabricated building units are being delivered at a rate of **six a day**
- Approximately **50%** of the residential cabins have been delivered

Green Hills accommodation facility

- Civil works have been completed



Gugaa compound

- Complete

Snubba Road compound

- Civil works have been completed

Maragle substation

- Bulk earthworks underway

27 of 70

access points
completed



63 of 334

kms of access
tracks completed



August 2025



Image: Tarcutta accommodation facility and compound

HumeLink East update

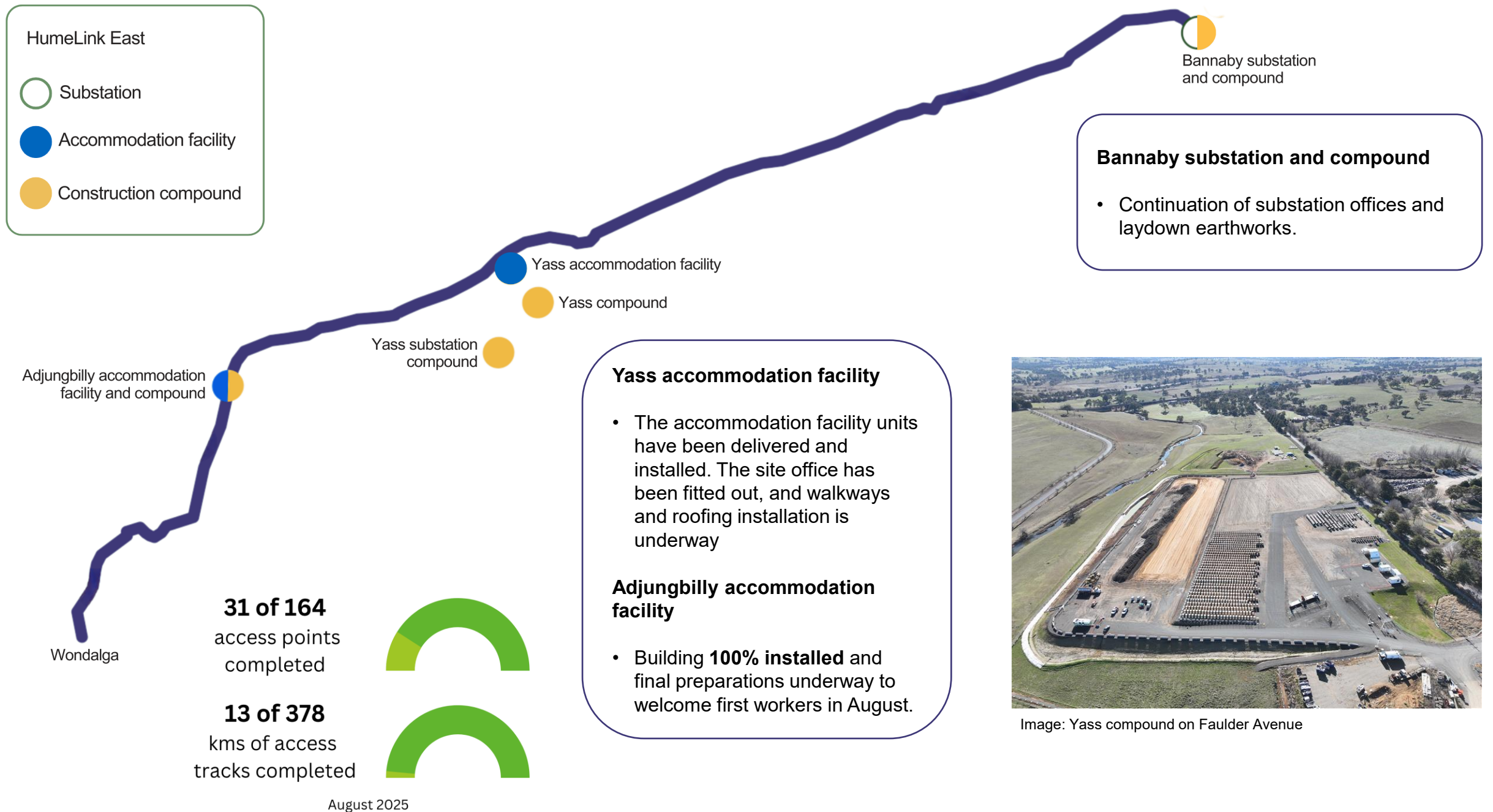


Image: Yass compound on Faulder Avenue

VNI West Project update



Where we are on Project Timeline

- ✓ On-time submission of the NSW component of the project's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on 24 July.
- ✓ AEMO published its 2025 Electricity Network Options Report (ENOR) report, including the cost increase for VNI West and staged delivery.
- ✓ Engagement with EnergyCo is underway to develop a coordinated delivery strategy for SW REZ enabling works and VNI West Stage 1 focused on ensuring 2.5GW transfer capacity at Dinawan by late 2029.
- ✓ MCC assessment work continues following the move to a staged delivery approach. A number of regulatory pathway options are also being considered to best support staged delivery with a proposal to the AER under development.
- ✓ VNI West Stage 1 EOI shortlisting complete. If EnergyCo engagement is successful, Transgrid will update RFT to reflect revised work scope at Dinawan.

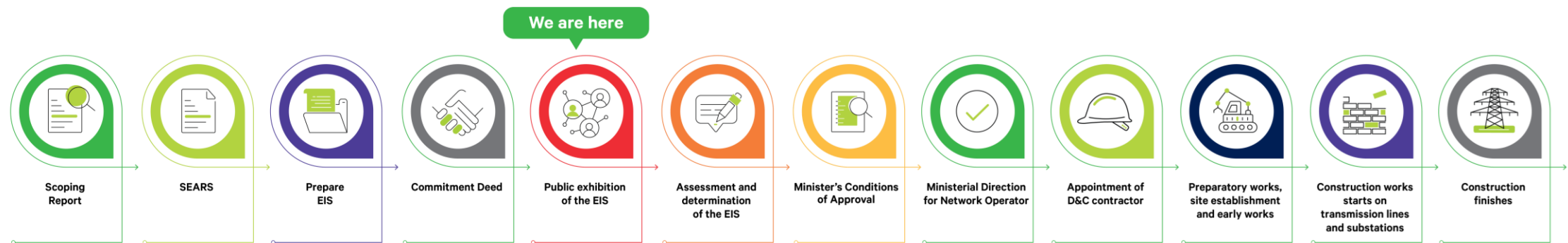
Stakeholder Engagement

- ✓ EIS public exhibition from 1-29 August.
- ✓ Ongoing meetings with directly affected landholders on Property Management Plans and valuation discussions.
- ✓ Detailed engagement with Transport for NSW on traffic and transport assessment ahead of EIS submission.
- ✓ Pre EIS submission briefings with Edward River and Murrumbidgee Councils.
- ✓ Regional advertising and communications campaign to support Community Information Sessions during EIS exhibition

Social Licence

- ✓ Follow up meetings held with local stakeholders regarding Community Investments and Benefits EOI submissions.

Hunter Transmission Project update



Where we are on Project Timeline

- ✓ EnergyCo is responsible for developing the EIS, a critical path item for the Project, with Transgrid reviewing, providing comments and endorsing the EIS package.
- ✓ On 18 July EnergyCo provided Transgrid with the final EIS, with a request for endorsement to (soft) lodge the EIS with DPHI on 8 August and formally lodge on 27 August.
- ✓ The Transgrid team has identified scope items (project description, environmental assessment, environmental management and others) that need to be addressed and Transgrid is proposing that these items are included in an Amendment Report, with agreement on these items forming the basis for Transgrid to allow EnergyCo to lodge the EIS.
- ✓ The RfT for both substations and transmission lines are on track to close 29 August and Transgrid is working through briefing for the evaluation team in setting up to work with EnergyCo on that program. The intention is to get a completed Evaluation Plan by the end of this calendar year. The critical path to D&C award still runs through the environmental approvals.

Stakeholder Engagement

- ✓ Transgrid continues to support EnergyCo in preparing for upcoming engagement activities to support EIS public exhibition including near neighbour visual impact discussions and traffic/transport engagement.
- ✓ During July, Community information sessions were held with Transport for NSW in Jerrys Plains.

Social Licence

- ✓ Transgrid continues to work with EnergyCo to understand community benefit strategies to be implemented for delivery.
- ✓ Working with EnergyCo engagement team to support transition of engagement for 2026.

Social Legacy

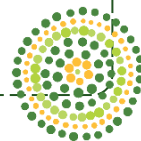
Local and Regional Spend

- ✓ The local and regional collective spend for Major Projects is currently \$678M with an increase of \$74M
- ✓ Top 3 spend to date by LGA are:
 - Mildura City Council
 - Wagga Wagga City council
 - Wentworth Shire Council
- ✓ HumeLink's Community Investment program commitment is \$15M. To date \$1.3M is in execution
- ✓ Project Energy Connect's Community Investment program commitment is \$3.4M. All initiatives have been executed
- ✓ Through the Community Partnership Program (2023 to date), Transgrid has invested \$1.328M supporting 317 local organisations



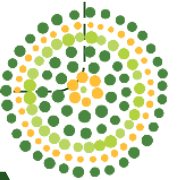
First Nations Spend

- ✓ Total First Nations spend across Major Projects and Transgrid for July \$27.9M
- ✓ Total Project EnergyConnect spend to date \$263M with First Nations and local businesses
- ✓ Transgrid's First Nations Procurement Framework being finalised in preparation for next Stretch RAP



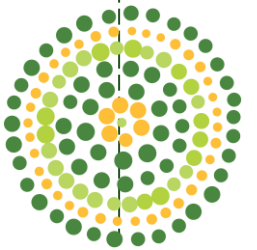
Workforce Development inc First Nations

- ✓ Transgrid achieved its Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) First Nations employment target of 3.5% of employees in July
- ✓ Transgrid apprenticeship recruitment program – employment pathways. Secured 3 First Nations apprentices for 2026 intake
- ✓ Securing Stars Foundation Partnership – employment pathways for young First Nations females
- ✓ Celebrated Transgrid's Clontarf Foundation partnership at the Ross Kelly Dinner with 850 young First Nations men attending
- ✓ Total Major Projects and Transgrid apprentices – 526
- ✓ Total Major Projects and Transgrid graduates – 271
- ✓ Total Major Projects and Transgrid internships - 34



Job and Skill events

- ✓ 'She Can Too' scholarship announcement event
- ✓ Wiradjuri Education Module student program – 343 students attended
- ✓ HumeLink East collaboration school's event at the Hub
- ✓ Girls in STEM High Tea (120 girls) with two TG mentors.
- ✓ 2025 Discovery Challenge launch and unveiling of 2024 Discovery Pod to coincide with National science week



Wagga Discovery Hub

July Engagement



Events

- Wiradjuri Education Program
- Community Investment and Benefits grants workshop
- Tour of Hub for Essential Energy
- She Can too Scholarship announcement event
- Evening presentation to local Rotary group about the Hub and Major Projects.
- Hosting Riverina Murray Major Infrastructure Project Regional Roundtable
- Finalist in the Clean Energy Council Engagement Awards.

Progress

- Coordination for August events including Girls in STEM High Tea, BNSW Energy Forum, and HumeLink East Energy school's visit.
- Progress on Lego energy transition event series.
- Bookings for future events is rising – particularly for school visits.

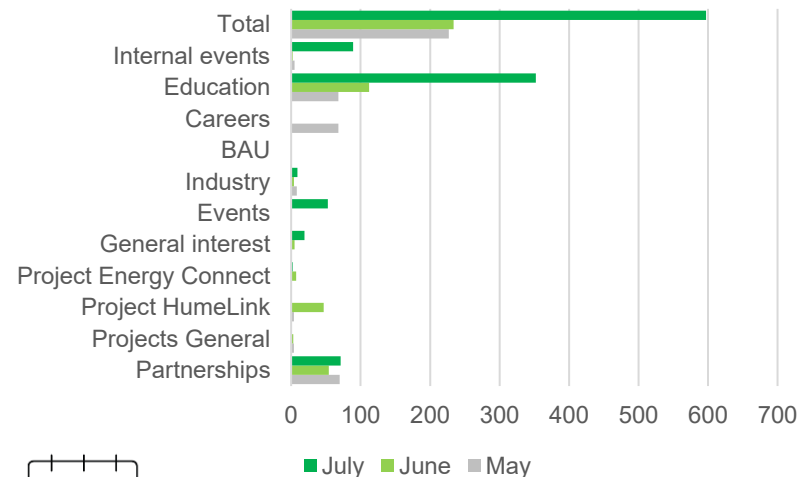
Promotion

- [Prime 7 news piece](#) promoting our First Nations commitment through the Discovery Hub's Wiradjuri Education Module.

Visitor Information

July was a BIG month in every way. With the most people through the facility since we have been open in a single month (bar the opening) - with 597 visitors through the doors! The delivery of the successful Wiradjuri Education Module with 343 students attending and significant social license benefits arising from the program.

July also saw the Hub become a finalist in the Clean Energy Council Awards and submit award applications for the AFR Energy Awards.



Upcoming Activations

August & September

- Girls in STEM High Tea.
- Hosting the BNSW Energy Forum.
- VNI-W EIS drop-in sessions.
- 2025 Discovery Challenge launch and unveiling of 2024 Discovery Pod to coincide with National science week.
- Excursions for HumeLink East Delivery Partner STEM Collaboration for Gundagai students, Aspect school,
- Morning with the Premier invitation.
- Henty Fields Days for Consultation month in Sept.



First Nations



Engagement & Cultural Heritage

- ✓ First Nations Engagement activities – 57 in total
- ✓ NAIDOC Transgrid cultural immersion event – 11 July
- ✓ Molong Cultural Burn 7 July. Featured on 7News Central West
- ✓ Clontarf Foundation Newcastle site visit
- ✓ Discovery Hub Wiradjuri learning module 6 events, 343 students attended
- ✓ VNIW engaged with Indigenous representatives on cultural heritage and values, to input into Environmental Impact Statement



Biodiversity Stewardship Agreement (BSA)

- ✓ Big Bend BSA with BMEET - work progressing well.
- ✓ Concord Expressions of Interest closed. Procurement assessment underway
- ✓ Initial planning for Molong Biodiversity Stewardship Agreement



Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) update

- ✓ Achieved First Nations procurement target of 20 suppliers with a total spend across the Transgrid Group at \$5.48M – exceeding our \$4Mil target for the end FY25.
- ✓ First Nations Brand refresh program kick-off. Engagement commenced
- ✓ Activation of ATSI Recruitment, Retention & Organisational Development Strategy
- ✓ Apprenticeship campaign, 109 First Nations applications. 57 completed cognitive testing. 3 First Nations apprentices will be selected
- ✓ Transgrid's First Nations Employment is 3.5% - achieved 3.5% 4 months before December 2025 target



What's coming up next month

- ✓ Deliver HumeLink's TG Cultural Awareness training
- ✓ Deliver TG Environmental and Engagement teams Cultural Awareness training
- ✓ Engagement of TG's First Nations protocols guideline with Community
- ✓ Assessment of RAP Barometer results – improvement plan being developed as part of Graduate Business Challenge to inform Transgrid's next Stretch RAP

