

Work Notification | August 2026

Controlled blasting at Darlow to Nurenmerenmong

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HumeLink is one of Australia's largest energy infrastructure projects connecting renewable energy sources to the grid and helping to put downward pressure on energy prices. The project consists of 365 kilometres of 500 kV overhead transmission lines connecting Wagga Wagga, Bannaby and Maragle and is being delivered in two sections. The section between Wagga Wagga, Maragle and Wondalga is being constructed by UGL Engineering and CPB Contractors, working in joint venture as HumeLink West JV.

Controlled blasting for HumeLink West

During construction of HumeLink West, controlled blasting will be used to prepare sites for tower foundations in areas where the ground is too hard to excavate with standard equipment. Controlled blasting is scheduled to begin at selected sites from August and continue into November 2026.

Work will be carried out Monday to Friday, between 9am and 5pm, and Saturday between 9am and 1pm.

All work will be carried out in line with the project [Conditions of Approval](#) available on the NSW Government Major Projects website planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/humelink.

Benefits of controlled blasting

Blasting can make construction work quicker and safer. Using controlled, modern techniques means the rock breaks in a predictable way, which:

- reduces the amount of heavy machinery needed
- allows hard rock to be removed more easily
- helps keep the overall project running efficiently
- minimises disruption by shortening the time crews need to work in an area.

Safety during controlled blasting

Safety is the highest priority, and strict controls will be in place during controlled blasting. All blasts will be designed and supervised by a qualified blasting engineer or licensed shotfirer. Explosives will only be handled by authorised personnel with an NSW explosives security clearance. Warning signs/barricades and safety exclusion zones will also be in place.

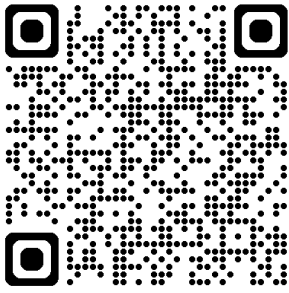
There will be short stoppages on roads in any controlled blasting exclusion zone. For the latest traffic updates, visit livetraffic.com or download the app Live Traffic NSW.

What you can expect

Dust, noise and vibration may be generated during drilling and controlled blasting, but these effects are minor, short in duration, and managed within approved limits. Nearby residents may experience:

- a short loud noise when the blast occurs (like a clap of thunder)
- brief ground vibration
- a temporary dust plume at the blast site
- temporary access restrictions.

We will do everything we can to minimise impacts on nearby residents, including wetting blast areas before or after controlled blasting, where conditions are dry.



A video of a typical blast can be viewed by scanning the QR code, and more information on controlled blasting is available in the fact sheet at <https://www.transgrid.com.au/media/ireboclg/humelink-west-controlled-blasting-fact-sheet-august-2026.pdf>.

SMS controlled blasting alerts

If you would like to receive an SMS prior to controlled blasting in your area, please contact us at **1800 317 367** or humelink@transgrid.com.au.

Keeping you informed

We'll continue to keep you updated about the project and let you know of any work we're planning that might impact you. If you would like to receive our work notifications via email, or have any questions about the project, please contact our Community and Stakeholder Engagement team on **1800 317 367** or humelink@transgrid.com.au.

You can also visit us at the Snowy Valleys Resilience Hub, 37 Pioneer Street Batlow, open **Monday to Friday, from 9am to 5pm**.

We welcome your feedback on the HumeLink West JV Community Communications Strategy. Visit transgrid.com.au/humelink-west/#Strategies-Plans-and-Programs to view the strategy, and connect with us to have your say.



We are going paperless

HumeLink West is transitioning to digital communications to support our ongoing commitment to environmental sustainability and minimise our environmental footprint.

To subscribe to regular work updates, project newsletters and key information, please register at <https://forms.office.com/r/91tgjdTDj1> or scan the QR code.

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Transgrid is committed to working with landowners and communities through the development of HumeLink. Please connect with us for more information.



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