

Work Notification | September 2026

Gregadoo, Big Springs, Book Book, Keajura, Tarcutta, Humula and Oberne Creek

REF: HLW-136

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 a joint venture as HumeLink West.

What work is happening

Work is continuing for the Gugaa substation, access points and tracks, road crossing hurdles, brake and winch pads, towers foundations, tower assembly and erection, and transmission line cable stringing through to project completion in late 2027. Activities include:

- Installing structures, wiring and electrical components for Gugaa substation
- Excavating and piling for the tower foundations
- Tower base construction, including steel reinforcement and concrete pours
- Assembling and lifting the towers using cranes
- Vegetation clearing, excavation and earthwork for hurdle pads, and brake and winch pads
- Stringing transmission line cables across the towers using drones and helicopters
- Transporting machinery and supplies
- Surveys, investigation, monitoring of biodiversity, heritage, noise, dust and vegetation
- Drone photography
- Equipment testing and operation.

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

Aerial stringing activities

Drones, tractors and helicopters will be used to pull conductor cables between the transmission towers. These activities (stringing) started in April 2026 in the Wagga Wagga substation area, and are continuing south-east along the alignment towards the Snowy Valleys.

To string cables between towers, pulley blocks are put in place to enable the conductors cables to be installed. During the process, the drone, tractor, or helicopter installs the pilot cable (draw wire) through the pulley blocks from the winch site to the brake site. The draw wire is then used to pull the permanent conductor cable through the pulley blocks.

Helicopters will usually take-off and land at brake and winch sites, and occasionally from project work compounds, see the map over the page. Tractors will also be used at brake and winch sites. Drones will take-off and land at any location along the alignment.

Stringing between brake and winch sections will take about four weeks, depending on weather. Temporary traffic changes will be in place at the road hurdle crossings and when cables are being pulled over roads.

What you can expect

There will be increased number of vehicles and machinery across the project area. Equipment used includes generators, elevated work platforms, telehandlers, piling rigs, concreting trucks, cranes, forklifts, water carts, excavators with attachments, compactors, earth moving equipment, drones, tractors, helicopters, drone cameras, heavy and light vehicles. at We will make every effort to minimise and manage impacts by:

- Minimising machines and vehicles used, ensuring they are maintained, turning them off when not in use, and fitting devices or shielding to minimise noise
- Monitoring dust, noise and vibration and changing our work if required.

During transmission line cable connections there may be temporary power outages. Essential Energy will notify you if you are affected by an outage.

Temporary traffic changes

Temporary traffic changes will continue at Boiling Down Road, Ashfords Road, Ivydale Road, Livingstone Gully Road and Tumbarumba Road with construction underway in these areas. Road hurdles are in place to allow the transmission line cables to be pulled over the road, with minimal disruption to traffic flow.

Over the coming months, there will be temporary traffic changes where road hurdles will be built at Angels Lane, Big Springs Road, Keajura Road, the Hume Highway, Comatawa Road, Wilds Road, Humula Road and Westbrook Road.

Traffic control will be in place during the work, and when cables are being pulled over the roads. This includes temporary traffic lights, electronic signs, boom gates, signage, speed reductions and stop/slow traffic management. Please keep to signposted speed limits, follow directions of traffic controllers, and drive to the conditions such as slowing down in wet weather and poor visibility. For latest traffic updates, visit [livetraffic.com](https://www.livetraffic.com) or download the app Live Traffic NSW.

When we are working

Standard working hours are 7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday and 8am to 1pm on Saturdays.

Aerial stringing activities will be Monday to Friday, between 9am and 5pm, and Saturday between 9am and 1pm. Operations with drones and helicopters will be limited to daylight hours.

Work out of these hours will take place at locations where impacted properties and landowners have been separately notified.

Environmental surveys including flora and fauna monitoring will be undertaken 24/7 to prepare for work and for monitoring throughout construction.

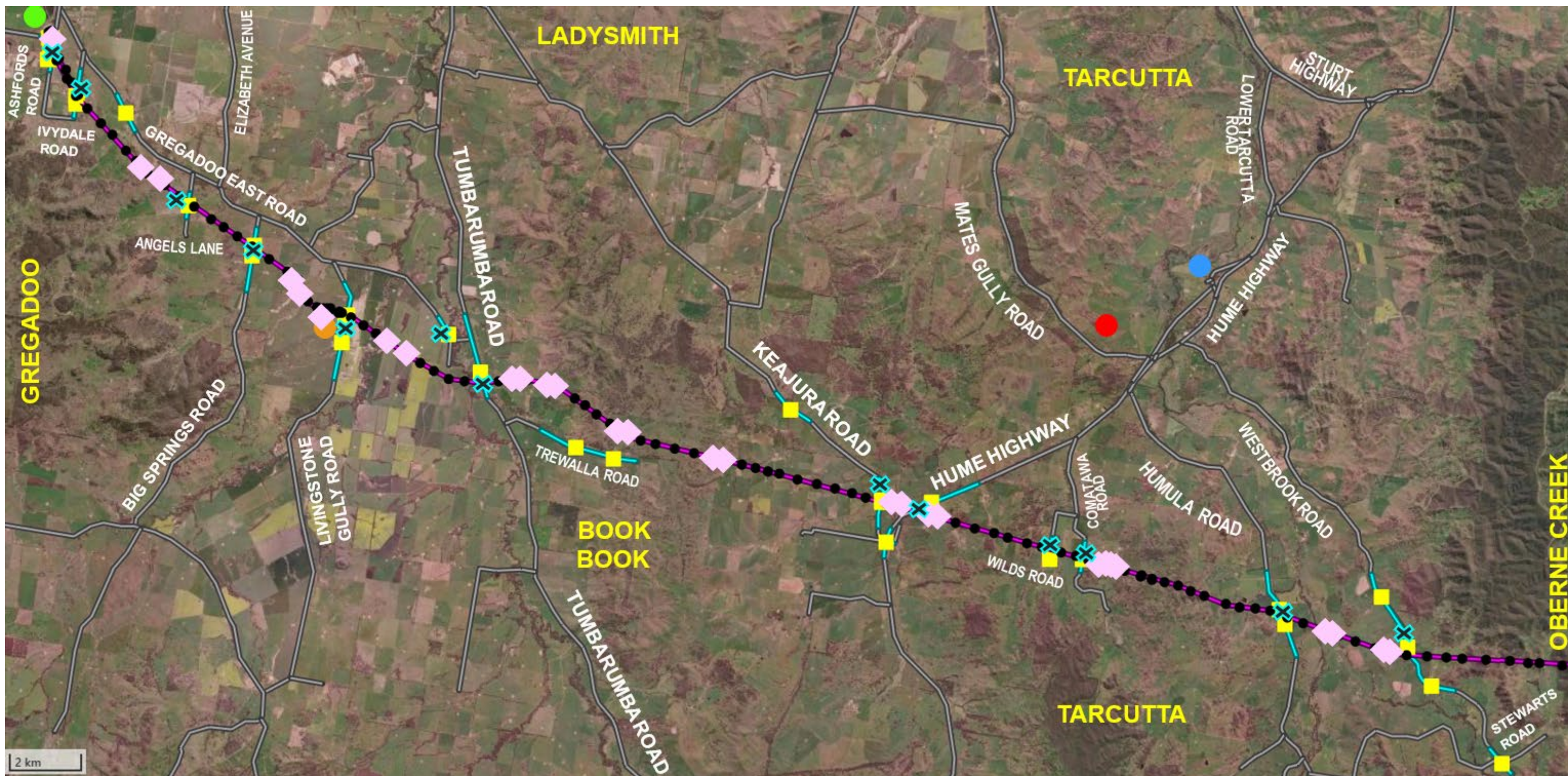
Where we are working

Work will continue at the Gugaa substation and between access points and the transmission line, as shown in the map over the page. See the full interactive project map for all work locations at transgrid.com.au/humelink#Project-map.

Keeping you informed

We'll continue to keep you updated about the project and let you know of any work we're planning which might affect you. If you have any questions about the project or want to provide feedback, please contact the Community and Stakeholder Engagement team on **1800 317 367** or humelink@transgrid.com.au.

We also 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 paperless

HumeLink West is transitioning to digital communications to support our ongoing commitment to environmental sustainability and minimising 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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KEY

- Tarcutta worker accommodation facility and compound
- Wagga Wagga 330kV substation and compound
- Gugaa 500kV substation and compound
- Cullinga Park Lane compound
- HumeLink West transmission line
- Traffic control
- Access point
- ◆ Brake and winch site
- ✕ Road hurdle crossings
- Transmission tower

Map is indicative only and not to scale

