

EnergyConnect

Heritage surveys

FACT SHEET

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EnergyConnect is an energy infrastructure project that will lower power bills for homes and businesses and create 1,500 jobs, primarily across regional NSW.

The Australian energy landscape is transforming, with an increased focus on renewable energy sources. To connect Australian communities and businesses to these new energy sources, the national electricity grid needs to evolve.

EnergyConnect will deliver the infrastructure to support this evolution by connecting the energy grids of NSW, SA and Victoria with a new 900 km electricity transmission line, known as an interconnector.

The proposed interconnector would run between Wagga Wagga in NSW and Robertstown in SA, with a connection to Red Cliffs in VIC.

Heritage surveys

We are undertaking cultural heritage field surveys to help identify and assess archaeological sites. These surveys will help us understand the local environment and identify issues to be taken into account during the planning and design of the project.

We are committed to preserving and respecting cultural heritage sites, both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal.

A combination of public and private land will be investigated as part of the surveys. If access to private land is required, we will seek landowner consent.

What to expect

Our representatives will work with landowners to understand expectations and requirements before undertaking and completing heritage surveys proposed on private land.

Consultation will include establishing requirements to access the property and the types of activities proposed, including duration and timing.

Once necessary permits and approvals are in place, we will schedule work in the survey area as agreed with the landowner.



Heritage assessments being undertaken near Lake Victoria

How are heritage field surveys conducted?

Field surveys are conducted across the project area by a combination of Transgrid personnel, archaeologists and representatives from Registered Aboriginal Parties, Traditional Owners and local cultural knowledge holders. Surveys are typically done on foot, however some driving of 4WD vehicles may be required. We will work with landowners to minimise any disruption to activity on the property.

On foot surveys

On foot surveys will be conducted by at least two archaeologists walking orderly lines, spaced apart at regular distances. The exact nature and location of the walkover may be determined by an onsite assessment of the visible constraints and cultural and archaeological sensitivity of the area. In addition to the archaeologists, representatives from Registered Aboriginal Parties, Traditional Owners and local cultural knowledge holders may be in attendance. Based on the nature of each location, survey teams may assess up to 6 km per day.

Consultation with Registered Aboriginal Parties

As part of the field surveys, Registered Aboriginal Party representatives, Traditional Owners and local cultural knowledge holders will be invited to communicate knowledge regarding the cultural heritage values of the area, archaeological and cultural sites, and the overall landscape. The project team will act in a culturally sensitive manner and treat the information provided with respect (and in confidence, where requested and required).

Site recording

All heritage sites will be documented as part of the surveys. Information collected during the field investigations will include:

- site name, recorder and date
- site type
- GPS coordinates
- landscape and landform character
- site dimensions
- site condition
- site content including numbers and artefact types, raw materials and detailed recording of a sample of artefacts
- photos
- any other relevant information, such as oral information and informant details.



A historic survey marker tree (previously unrecorded and seen as an arrow), near Sturts Billabong, Wentworth

Connect with us

Transgrid is committed to working with landowners and communities through the construction of EnergyConnect. Please connect with us if you need any information.



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