

ENERGYCONNECT

Newsletter

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Welcome to the November EnergyConnect newsletter.

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NSW-Eastern Section update

We are preparing to lodge the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the NSW-Eastern Section of EnergyConnect, which runs from Wagga Wagga to Buronga.

The EIS details the outcomes of extensive local studies including biodiversity, cultural heritage and visual amenity. Strategies to avoid, mitigate and manage potential impacts are also identified.

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) will place the EIS on public exhibition for a minimum four weeks. During this period, we encourage all community members, stakeholders and government agencies to have their say by making a submission.

We will hold community information sessions during the public exhibition period and these sessions will be advertised on our website.

NSW-Western Section update

The Australian Government has approved the NSW-Western Section of EnergyConnect under its key environmental legislation, with the Environment Minister granting approval under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act).

This approval, together with the NSW Government's, means construction on the NSW-Western Section can commence in early 2022.

The NSW-Western Section includes works between the NSW/SA border, Transgrid's existing substation at Buronga, and the NSW/Victorian border near Monak.

Early works have commenced at various locations across the project area.



Connect with us in your community

The EnergyConnect team is hosting community information sessions, where you can drop-in any time, ask questions and learn more about the project.

We'll be visiting Booroorban, Balranald and Mourquong on 25, 26 and 27 November 2021.

In Balranald, we're teaming up with the CanAssist bake sale, where you can grab some delicious treats and hot drinks. All proceeds from the bake sale will go towards supporting patients and their families in remote areas who are undergoing cancer treatment.

At Mourquong, you'll find us at the Australian Inland Botanic Gardens Big Brekkie. All money raised at the Big Brekkie goes to the Gardens.

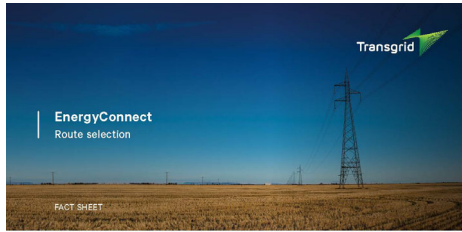
Drop into a session anytime and meet the team.

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

Thank you to everyone who visited us in Jerilderie, Wagga Wagga, Urana and Lockhart over the past two weeks. We enjoyed talking with you and trust you found the sessions helpful.

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

EnergyConnect fact sheets



Are you looking for more information about EnergyConnect?

We have developed fact sheets across a range of topics including route selection, surveys and investigations.

For landholders hosting an easement, our construction and transmission towers fact sheets provide helpful information about how we will work with you and what to expect.

You can find our suite of resources on the EnergyConnect web page.

EnergyConnect
EnergyConnect is an energy infrastructure project that will lease power poles for houses 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 Wopra Mugga in NSW and Suberston in SA, with a connection to Red Cliffs in VIC.

Route selection
We have been working with landholders and local communities since November 2018. Our engagement has included community information sessions and individual face-to-face meetings, where we have heard region-wide opportunities and property specific considerations and constraints.

Together with specialist studies and local assessments, our engagement has helped us develop the proposed transmission route.

Some of the specialist studies and local assessments include:

- cultural heritage surveys
- ecology surveys, including flora and fauna
- geotechnical studies
- hydrology surveys

Route refinement
To identify a preferred route for the transmission line, an area of investigation is initially determined. This area is between two known points, being the start and end points of the transmission line. These points are usually at the location of a sub-station.

The area of investigation is then refined and further developed to identify an initial route. This process involves extensive feedback from local community members and landholders, specialist studies and detailed engineering design work.

To finalise the interconnector route, we are working with landholders to identify an 80 m easement corridor.

People. Power. Possibilities.

See the EnergyConnect fact sheets



SecureEnergy information evening

SecureEnergy is the principal contractor for EnergyConnect.

SecureEnergy, in partnership with Transgrid, is holding an information evening in **Wentworth, NSW** about the employment and business opportunities on the EnergyConnect project.

The Forum will be held on **Thursday 2 December 2021** and will include some SecureEnergy major subcontractors and representatives of SecureEnergy's Human Resources team.

Together we will be presenting opportunities available for local suppliers and workers.

To attend or find out more email community@secureenergyjv.com.au

Video briefings about subcontracting opportunities across the supply chain are also available on the SecureEnergy website.

The briefings also cover how to navigate the ICN Gateway, prequalification and more.

Watch a SecureEnergy supplier briefing



Community Partnerships Program

We recently accepted applications for funding through the Community Partnerships Program (CPP).

Thank you to everyone who took the time to make a submission. We anticipate announcing the successful applicants in December.

Applications for the next round of funding through the CPP will open in 2022.

[Learn more about the CPP](#)

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