

Fact sheet

Land rehabilitation

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What is HumeLink?

HumeLink is a new 500kV transmission line which will connect Wagga Wagga, Bannaby and Maragle. It is one of the state's largest energy infrastructure projects, with about 365 km of proposed new transmission lines, and new or upgraded infrastructure at four locations. To meet our future energy demands, Australia needs to transition to a greater mix of low-emission renewable energy sources, such as wind and solar. HumeLink will help to increase the amount of renewable energy that can be delivered across the national electricity grid to support this transition.

HumeLink East

Construction of the project will occur in two sections known as HumeLink East and HumeLink West.

ACCIONA and Genus Infrastructure (NSW) Pty Ltd are delivering HumeLink East, which includes expanding Transgrid's existing Bannaby 500 kV substation and the design and construction of 237 kilometres of 500 kV double circuit transmission lines from Bannaby to Wondalga.

Land rehabilitation

As part of our rehabilitation planning for the project, we take the time to understand soil types and profiles. We work with landowners to ensure their land is respected and rehabilitated to an agreed state.

HumeLink East will adopt a progressive rehabilitation approach, which means that rehabilitation starts as soon as possible after tower construction and stringing, and commissioning.

Progressive rehabilitation approach

Taking a progressive rehabilitation approach means that some parts of the project alignment may be rehabilitated while other parts of the project alignment are still being constructed. Progressive rehabilitation also reduces the total disturbed area and impacts such as surface water runoff and dust.

Upon completion of rehabilitation activities on the project site and the property, HumeLink East will undertake a second Property Condition Assessment to show that agreed objectives have been met.

HumeLink East will work to ensure that the agreed objectives within the Property Management Plans and completion criteria have been met. If monitoring shows that the rehabilitated land does not meet the agreed objectives, we work with landowners and Transgrid to plan and carry out further work to improve the affected land.

Before construction

Before construction, we work with landowners to agree access track locations and areas that will require remediation. How sites are rehabilitated will depend on the agreed final layout.

Part of this work involves understanding local soil types to help determine the type of access track to be constructed.

During construction

Construction of access tracks will involve the placement of gravel material to allow for safe vehicle movements.

When earthworks commence, we remove topsoils and sub-soils in layers. These layers are put to the side separately so they can be replaced appropriately during rehabilitation. *

****Please note: not all properties will have adequate topsoil in their existing condition.***



An example access track near Tumut
(June 2025)

Retaining farm infrastructure

Some access track infrastructure which provides value to the post construction land use may be retained, if it is acceptable to Transgrid and the landowner and in accordance with project approvals. In these cases, we will work with landowners to reach an agreement.

Examples of this type of farm infrastructure may potentially be retained include bores, access tracks or roads, cattle grids, fencing and gates.

Removal of access tracks

If removal of an access track is required or agreed with the landowner, we will remove the gravel material. Removal work will include loosening the compacted area back to sub-grade and folding existing topsoil back over (where topsoil was previously existing).

Revegetation

If it is required to revegetate a site, this will be done using hydro mulch or a dry seeding method with a nominated seed mix (native or legume).

If requested, we will leave the area in a condition ready for the landowner to resow. *

It is then up to the landowner to manage or maintain the site and keep livestock off the area for the period required for seed to take.

****Please note: this option is only available for paddocks which are flat or previously worked agricultural paddocks (flat terrain).***

Connect with us

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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