

HumeLink is one of NSW's largest energy infrastructure projects, with about 365 km of new 500kV transmission line which will connect Wagga Wagga, Bannaby and Maragle. The eastern portion between the existing Bannaby substation and Wondalga is being delivered by Acciona Construction Australia Pty Ltd and Genus Infrastructure (NSW) Pty Ltd in a joint venture as AG JV HumeLink East.

Blasting for HumeLink East

During construction of HumeLink East, controlled blasting will be used in areas where the ground is too hard to excavate with standard equipment. This will help prepare sites for tower foundations, brake and winch areas, and access tracks. Blasting is scheduled to begin at selected sites from **early May** and continue until **early June 2026**.

Blasting to begin near Bookham

During May and June 2026, blasting will occur close to Bookham near the following locations:

- Clancys Road, Biala,
- Black Range Road Woolgarlo,
- Childowla Road, Bookham
- Talmo Road, Bookham

Benefits of 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.

What to expect

Dust, noise and vibration may be generated during drilling and blasting, but these effects are 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.



Examples of hard rock on the HumeLink East project near Adjungbilly

Work hours

- **Blasting work is only permitted:**
 - Monday to Friday: 9:00am to 5:00pm
 - Saturday: 9:00am to 1:00 pm
 - Sunday and public holidays: No blasting permitted

Traffic and Environment

- **Traffic:** For safety during blasting, there will be short stoppages on roads in any controlled blasting exclusion zone.
- **Dust/Noise:** We will do everything we can to minimise any impacts on nearby residents and landholders, including wetting blast areas before or after blasting, where conditions are dry.

Safety during blasting

Safety is the highest priority, and strict controls will be in place during 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.

Notifying landholders and the community

Landholders and neighbours within 500 metres of a blast site will be notified of any blasting well before it begins. We will share information face-to-face and via phone calls, emails and SMS.

Properties within 500 metres of a blast site will be offered a property condition survey to record the condition of the house before work begins. This report will provide a record of the property's pre-blast condition in the unlikely event that the blasting causes any damage.

All work will be carried out in line with the project [Conditions of Approval](#) available on the NSW Government [Major Projects website planning portal](#).

Register for SMS alerts

To keep you informed on project work in your area, you can register for SMS alerts for updates. Scan the QR code to opt-in.



By opting in, you consent to the HumeLink East project delivery partners using your details to provide you with project updates and information related to the project.

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 impact you. If you have questions or concerns about any of the above, please contact our Community and Stakeholder Engagement team on **1800 317 367** or by emailing humelink@transgrid.com.au

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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