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Welcome to HumeLink East Community News

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 in Australia. The project is being delivered in two sections known as HumeLink East and HumeLink West, with the eastern section of the project being delivered by ACCIONA and Genus for Transgrid. HumeLink East will include construction of around 250 kilometres of 500kV overhead transmission lines and expansion of the Bannaby 500kV substation to connect with the HumeLink West section at Wondalga.

As we commence works, we want to keep you up to date on construction, community events and information sessions and share with you the latest news from the HumeLink East project.

I look forward to continuing to update you on the work we are doing in your community and share some of the milestones as work progresses.



Carel Nagel
Project Director

Project update

We have now started our site preparations for HumeLink East, with enabling works underway in February 2025. The team have so far completed four access points, commenced work on the Adjungbilly workers accommodation and are building a new laydown facility in Yass along Faulders Avenue.

Works will continue throughout March and April, with the team continuing to build new access points and complete pre-construction work ahead of major construction commencing mid-year.

Environment and sustainability

The HumeLink East project is committed to preserving and respecting heritage, both Aboriginal and European, along our project alignment. Cultural heritage surveys are conducted before works begin to help us identify and assess significant archaeological sites. These surveys help us understand the local environment more and identify ways in which we can minimise our impact.

For more information about our cultural heritage surveys, visit <https://www.transgrid.com.au/media/botidaph/humelink-cultural-heritage-fact-sheet.pdf>

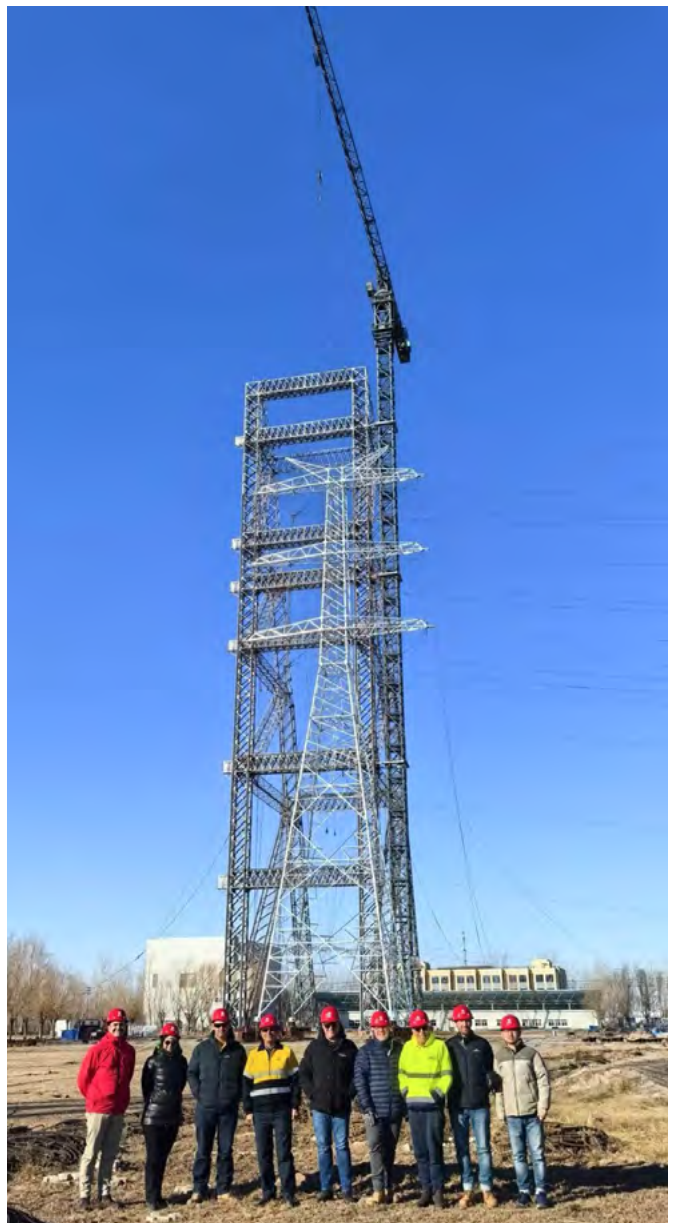
Transmission tower testing

As part of the design process for HumeLink East, transmission tower testing was conducted in Beijing, China, to ensure that the infrastructure is reliable and durable once construction is completed.

In sub-zero temperatures, the Transgrid, ACCIONA and Genus teams worked collaboratively with the StateGrid Testing Station personnel. In Australia, there is no viable supplier that builds or tests these size towers. Over 13 days, the team analysed data from each of the tests, with all testing completed successfully. With this completed test and submission of records, the team will advance into full scale production of the transmission towers, which will be built in China, needed for HumeLink East.



Future Adjungbilly workers' accommodation site from the air



Transgrid, ACCIONA and Genus teams at the tower testing site in Beijing, China



Workers undertaking survey work along the alignment

In the community

We recently held four Enabling Works Drop-in Sessions in February in Yass, Gundagai, Tumut and Crookwell, to share information and answer questions from the community about the works.

Thank you to everyone who stopped by and we are looking forward to our next round of community events in May.

To find out about upcoming community events, visit <https://www.transgrid.com.au/humelink-east/#What-s-happening-in-the-community>

Upcoming community events

We will be hosting HumeLink East Community Information & Opportunities events in the local areas of the project alignment in the coming months. We invite the community to come along and speak with HumeLink East team members about the latest project news, share information about upcoming works packages and learn about employment opportunities on the project. We are also very interested in hearing how you would like to see the project support your local community.

HumeLink East Community Information & Opportunities events

Please visit the Transgrid website for more dates and locations for the upcoming community events.

For more information or to talk to a member of our team, please contact us on **1800 317 367** or **community@humelinkeast.com.au**



Yass community information drop-in session at Tootsie Gallery Cafe

Social Impact Management Plan

Share your feedback

We also continued our engagement in March, meeting with local Councils and businesses to discuss our Social Impact Management Plan (SIMP). A SIMP outlines how a project will manage and minimise its impact on local communities. It includes:

- Identifying social impacts: understanding the positive and negative effects on people.
- Engaging with stakeholders: involving the community and affected groups.
- Mitigation strategies: reducing negative impacts (e.g., noise control, job support).
- Monitoring and reporting: tracking impacts and gathering community feedback.
- Adaptive management: adjusting the plan if new social issues arise.

The goal of the SIMP is to ensure the project benefits the community. If you are interested in sharing your feedback, please fill out the survey via the QR code below or visit <https://www.transgrid.com.au/humelink-east/#What-s-happening-in-the-community>



< Fill out the Survey

Upcoming on HumeLink East

Over the next three months, the following activities will be occurring:

- Enabling works will continue with the team working on access points.
- The community team will continue to meet with landowners along the alignment to keep them informed about work on their land.
- Community consultation will continue with Community Information and Opportunities events in April and SIMP consultation currently open.
- The first access roads are due for completion in May.
- Major construction is on track to commence mid-year, pending weather and site conditions.

emPOWERing Women

The emPOWERing Regional Women pre-employment program was run by HumeLink East in late 2024, with the aim of increasing the number of local women working on construction projects. The program also provided mentoring to existing tradeswomen and implemented a health and wellbeing program for all workers to create an inclusive workplace.

The pre-employment program ran over seven weeks and had 17 participants from the local area. The program focused on three key areas, providing the women with skills to enter construction and upon completion, opportunities for employment with the AGJV.

The emPOWERing Regional Women Program will:

- increase participation and retention rates of regional women in non-traditional roles
- increase inclusive workplace culture through health, wellbeing and flexible work arrangements; and
- support female employees and women in a leadership role.

The HumeLink East project is proud to have employed 11 of the participants from the emPOWERing Regional Women pre-employment program.



emPOWERing Regional Women pre-employment program graduation

EWON takes on renewable energy infrastructure complaints

The [Energy and Water Ombudsman NSW \(EWON\)](#) recently expanded its jurisdiction to take complaints from landholders and community members impacted by renewable energy infrastructure. As Transgrid is a member of EWON, this includes complaints related to major energy transmission projects like HumeLink and EnergyConnect.

EWON is a free and independent dispute resolution service for electricity and gas and some water customers in NSW. EWON can investigate complaints about EnergyCo, ACERZ and Transgrid (including any contractors working on their behalf) to reach a fair and reasonable outcome for all parties.

Throughout 2025, EWON will visit regional communities across NSW to learn from and understand their experiences. Information and resources for landholders and community members are accessible on EWON's website: [Renewable Energy Infrastructure - Energy & Water Ombudsman NSW](#).

All landholders and community members impacted by renewable energy infrastructure development in their region can contact EWON at any time for independent advice and assistance.

Freecall: 1800 246 545

Website: www.ewon.com.au

Stay up to date with our work

We welcome your feedback on this update and encourage you to share your suggestions on what you would like to see more of in our community newsletters.

If you would like to stay up to date and subscribe to receive regular updates about the HumeLink East project, please head to transgrid.com.au/HumeLink or scan the QR code.



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