

Work notification | September 2024

Ongoing site investigations and associated activities

What is HumeLink?

HumeLink will deliver cheaper and more reliable power for consumers by increasing the amount of renewable energy that can be delivered across the national electricity grid, helping to transition Australia to a low carbon future.

The project consists of 365 kilometres of 500 kV overhead transmission lines connecting Wagga Wagga, Bannaby and Maragle, and new or upgraded infrastructure at four substations.

During the remainder of 2024 the HumeLink project will be continuing with site investigations across the project alignment to inform its detailed design. These are being carried out by Transgrid's delivery partners in anticipation of planning approval and construction works starting in late 2024.

These works are a continuation of the investigations mentioned in our [community notification](#) in January 2024, and are taking place in line with the relevant guidelines and planning approvals.

The works are generally low-impact activities and include surveys which are completed on foot within the community or on property. From time to time, we will also use drones for aerial surveying to assess the topographical conditions along the project alignment.

Investigations are coordinated in consultation with the community and landowners to minimise disruption.

Geotechnical investigations

We are currently carrying out geotechnical investigations to help us determine ground conditions along the project alignment.

Geotechnical investigation work involves the collection of soil and rock samples using low-impact methods such as borehole drilling. Borehole drilling typically uses a trailer-mounted drill rig and involves drilling a single narrow hole into the ground to extract samples. The mounted drill rig is generally no bigger than a single car trailer and will be accompanied by support vehicles and a crew of three to five workers.

These investigations may create some noise or ground disturbance.

For more information, read our [geotechnical investigations](#) fact sheet.

When we are working

We are continuing site investigations until late 2024. Work is taking place during standard construction hours of **7am to 6pm Monday to Friday** and **8am to 1pm on Saturdays**. If out of hours work is required, we will contact all impacted landowners and near neighbours seven days before the work starts.

Consulting with landowners

We will contact landowners seven days before proposed entry to private property to discuss these works. Any conditions of entry will be documented and communicated to all project team members.

Where we will be working

Investigations are taking place across the full project alignment.

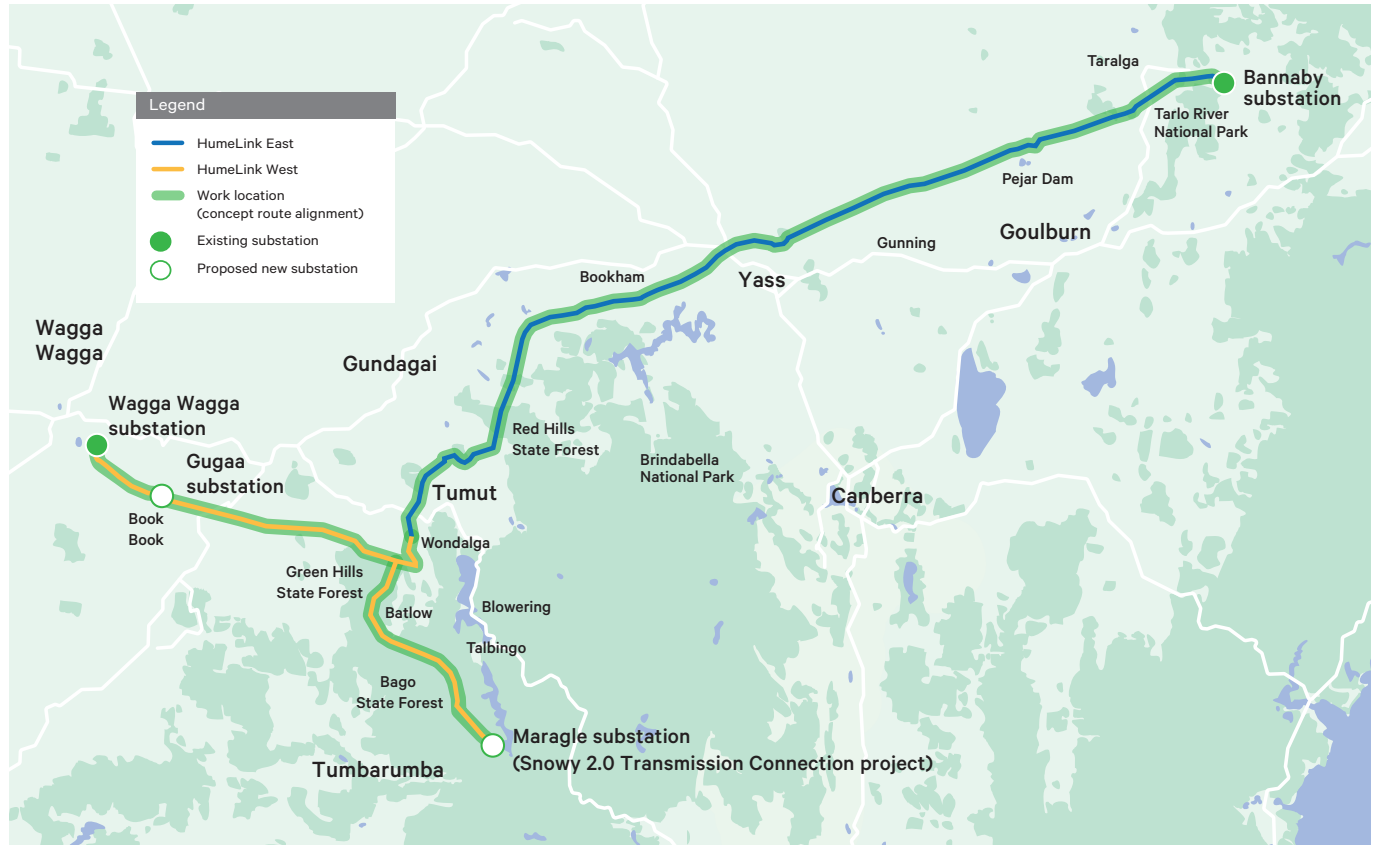


Figure 1: Division of HumeLink East and HumeLink West.

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HumeLink project construction phases timeline

Construction phases	Planning approvals	Activities involved
February to late 2024 (Until environmental planning approval)		
Site investigations and associated activities	Post contract award and pre-environmental planning approval These works are undertaken by Transgrid's delivery partners and are assessed and approved via Transgrid's environmental assessment framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental surveys (biodiversity, heritage, contamination) • Building and road precondition survey • Utility investigations • Geotechnical investigations • Precondition surveys • Installation of instrumentation and monitoring equipment.
Late 2024 to early 2025 (Post-environmental planning approval)		
Preparatory works	Post-environmental planning approval and pre-Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) approval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heritage salvage • Environmental controls • Access road works • Clearing / translocation.
Site establishment/ early works	Post-environmental planning approval and pre-CEMP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access point establishment • Access tracks • Accommodation facilities and compounds • Laydowns • Service relocation • Heritage salvage related to the above works.
Beginning of 2025 (Post-CEMP approval)		
Construction works	Post-CEMP approval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All construction activities under CEMP.

Figure 2: HumeLink project construction phases timeline.

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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