

Work Notification | October 2026

Green Hills, Batlow, Kunama, Laurel Hill, Tumbarumba, Buddong and Nurenmerenmong

REF: HLW-141

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. The project consists of 365 kilometres of 500 kV overhead transmission lines connecting Wagga Wagga, Bannaby and Maragle and is being delivered in two sections. The section between Wagga Wagga, Maragle and Wondalga is being constructed by UGL Engineering and CPB Contractors, working in a joint venture as HumeLink West.

What work is happening

Work is continuing for the Maragle substation, Kunama accommodation facility expansion, access tracks, road crossing hurdles, brake and winch pads, tower foundations, tower assembly, and transmission line cable stringing through to project completion in late 2027. Activities include:

- Installing structures, wiring and electrical components for Maragle substation
- Construction to increase capacity of Kunama accommodation facility to 659 beds
- Excavating and piling for tower foundations, including controlled blasting at selected locations
- Tower base construction, including reinforcement and concrete pours
- Assembling and lifting the tower sections using cranes
- Stringing conductors across the towers using drones, tractors and helicopters
- Vegetation clearing, excavation and earthwork for hurdle pads, and brake and winch pads
- Transporting machinery and supplies
- Survey, investigation and monitoring of biodiversity, heritage, noise, dust and vegetation including drone and aerial photography
- Equipment testing and operation.

All work will be carried out in line with the project [Conditions of Approval](#) available on the NSW Government Major Projects website planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/humelink.

Controlled blasting

During construction of HumeLink West, controlled blasting is used to prepare sites for tower foundations in areas where the ground is too hard to excavate with standard equipment. This approach allows rocks to be broken up efficiently while reducing disturbance to nearby areas. More information on controlled blasting is available at www.transgrid.com.au/media/ireboclg/humelink-west-controlled-blasting-fact-sheet-august-2026.pdf

Aerial stringing activities

Aerial stringing activities are continuing along the alignment between Wagga Wagga and the Snowy Valleys. Drones and tractors are used to pull conductor cables between the transmission towers. Helicopters will also be used to pull cables from the Hume Highway and then towards the Snowy Valleys from November 2026.



Stringing between brake and winch sections usually takes about four weeks, depending on weather. Temporary traffic changes will be in place at the road hurdle crossings and when cables are being pulled over roads. During transmission line cable connections there may be temporary power outages. Essential Energy will notify you if you are affected by an outage.

For more information on aerial stringing, view the [fact sheet](#) or scan the QR code.

What you can expect

There will be an increased number of construction vehicles and machinery across the project area. Equipment used includes generators, elevated work platforms, telehandlers, piling rigs, concreting trucks, cranes, forklifts, water carts, excavators with attachments, compactors, earth moving equipment, drones, tractors, helicopters, heavy and light vehicles.

We will make every effort to minimise and manage impacts by:

- Minimising machines and vehicles used, ensuring they are maintained, turning them off when not in use, and fitting devices or shielding to minimise noise
- Monitoring dust, noise and vibration and changing our work if required

Temporary traffic changes

Intermittent traffic changes are continuing at Batlow Road, Green Hills Road, Elliott Way, Wondalga Road, Yaven Creek Road, Eilerslie Road, Westwood Road, Sharps Road, Millers Road, Snowy Mountains Highway, Kopsens Road and forestry roads with construction underway in these areas.

Over the coming months, there will be further traffic changes where road hurdles and other supporting structures will be built at Batlow Road, Green Hills Road, Wondalga Road, Yaven Creek Road, Kopsens Road and forestry roads.

Click the link for information on the temporary [Wondalga Road closure](#) and [Yaven Creek Road closure](#) planned for early 2027, or contact us for more information.

Traffic control in place during work includes temporary traffic lights, variable message signs, boom gates, signage, speed reductions and stop/slow traffic management. Please keep to the signposted speed limits, follow the direction of traffic controllers, and drive to the conditions. For the latest traffic updates, visit livetraffic.com or download the app Live Traffic NSW.

When we are working

Standard working hours are 7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday and 8am to 1pm on Saturdays.

Controlled blasting and aerial stringing work will be carried out Monday to Friday, between 9am and 5pm, and Saturday between 9am and 1pm. Aerial stringing operations are limited to daylight hours, with more intensive stringing activities scheduled for the middle of the day where possible.

Work out of these hours will take place at locations where impacted properties and landowners have been separately notified.

Concrete pouring activities take place between 5am and 8pm, Monday to Sunday through to February 2027, to allow sufficient time and optimal conditions for the pours to be completed.

Environmental surveys including flora and fauna monitoring will be undertaken 24/7 to prepare for work and for monitoring throughout construction.

Where we are working

Work will continue at the Maragle substation and between access points and the transmission line, as shown in the following map. See the interactive map for all work locations at transgrid.com.au/humelink#Project-map.

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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KEY

- Maragle 500kV substation and compound
- Ardrossan Headquarters Road compound
- Kunama worker accommodation facility and compound
- Snubba Road compound
- Lower Bago Road compound
- HumeLink West transmission line
- ✕ Traffic control
- Access point
- ◆ Brake and winch site
- ✕ Road hurdle crossings
- Transmission tower

Map is indicative only and not to scale



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To subscribe to regular work updates, project newsletters and key information, please register at <https://forms.office.com/r/91tgjdTDj1> or scan the QR code.

If you have any questions about the project, please contact our Community and Stakeholder Engagement team on **1800 317 367** or humelink@transgrid.com.au. Alternatively, you can visit us at the Snowy Valleys Resilience Hub, 37 Pioneer Street Batlow, open **Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm**.