

Work notification | August 2025

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We're starting main works on HumeLink West

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 joint venture as the HumeLink West JV.

We have been completing enabling work on the project since January 2025 which has included establishing temporary accommodation facilities, construction compounds, laydown areas, access tracks, environmental controls, water supply points, and minor vegetation clearing. The project will progress to the main construction stage of work from Monday 18 August 2025, pending the necessary planning approvals.

What is main construction work?

Main construction involves building transmission towers and stringing transmission lines across the 140km HumeLink West alignment, building the Maragle and Gugaa 500 kV substations, and upgrading the Wagga Wagga 330 kV substation. We will also be completing some access points, tracks, compounds and accommodation facilities during this stage of work.

Main construction work activities include:

- Excavating with piling rigs and excavators for the tower foundations
- · Concrete works for the tower bases, including reinforcement and concrete pours
- · Assembling and lifting the towers using cranes
- Stringing using drones to pull cable through conductors and connect to insulators
- Road upgrade works, including Ashfords Road at Gregadoo, Mates Gully Road at Tarcutta and Green Hills Access Road at Kunama
- Vegetation clearing, excavation and earthwork
- Installing amenities, fencing, signage, barriers and other controls
- Equipment and other deliveries to work sites with heavy and light vehicles
- Survey, investigation and monitoring, including drone and aerial photography
- Equipment testing and operation.

All work will be carried out in line with the project <u>Conditions of Approval</u> available on the NSW Government Major Projects website planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/humelink.

What you can expect

We will make every effort to minimise the impact of our work, but you might notice some impacts, including:

- An increase in light and heavy vehicles in the area.
- Where noise can impact our neighbours, we will use mitigation measures to reduce impacts, including consulting and notifying those potentially affected.
- There may be some dust while we carry out the work. We will have suppression measures in place, including water carts, to minimise the risk of dust impacts.

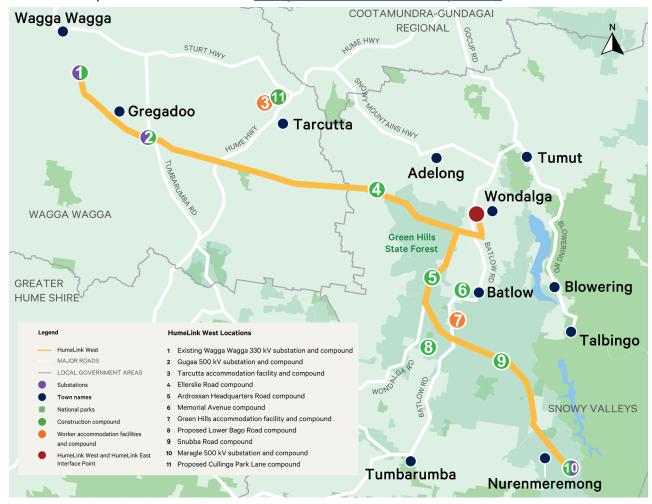
Traffic control will be in place when required to assist road users including temporary traffic lights, boom gates, signage, speed reductions and stop/slow traffic management. Please keep to the signposted speed limits, follow the direction of traffic controllers, and drive to the conditions such as slowing down in wet weather and poor visibility. For the latest traffic updates, visit livetraffic.com or download the app Live Traffic NSW.

When we are working

Work will take place during standard construction hours of **7am to 6pm**, **Monday to Friday** and **8am to 1pm on Saturdays**. If work outside these hours is required, we will contact you at least seven days before the work starts.

Where we will be working

Work will take place across the full HumeLink West project alignment, shown in the map below. See the interactive map for all work locations at transgrid.com.au/humelink#Project-map.



Keeping you informed

We'll continue to keep you updated about the project and let you know of any work we're planning that might impact you. If you have questions about any of the above, please contact our Community and Stakeholder Engagement team on 1800 317 367 or humelink@transgrid.com.au.

We welcome your feedback on the HumeLink West Community Communications Strategy. Visit transgrid.com.au/humelink-west/#Strategies-Plans-and-Programs to view the strategy, and connect with us to have your say.



Stay up to date with our work

Please head to <u>transgrid.com.au/HumeLink</u> or scan the QR code to subscribe to regular updates, and for more information on the project.

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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