

Monthly construction update

August 2025

Main construction set to start

Transgrid's HumeLink West delivery partners, UGL and CPB Contractors are set to start main construction works at multiple fronts in August and September, subject to final NSW Government approvals.

These works will include starting main construction of the new 500kV substation at Gregadoo to the east of Wagga Wagga and the continuation of substation delivery at Maragle in the Snowy Mountains. Crews will also start building transmission tower foundations at multiple sites along the 140 kilometre alignment.

The ramp-up to full scale construction will be supported by a steady increase in local business and workforce participation.

Tarcutta and Kunama worker accommodation facilities

Construction of a 350-bed temporary worker accommodation facility at Tarcutta is set for completion in September and a similar facility at Kunama is expected to be ready in late October.

With enabling civil works completed, prefabricated building modules are being trucked in, fitted and connected to services.

The self-sufficient temporary accommodation camps contain dining halls, fitness and entertainment areas, medical and laundry facilities for HumeLink West workers and car parking for work vehicles.

To help meet project sustainability targets, both sites will capture rain water run-off in sedimentation ponds and recycle water for use in dust suppression and other raw water uses throughout HumeLink West project delivery.

Access points and access tracks

Almost half of the 70 access points required to reach about 370 construction sites along the transmission line alignment have been established.

Preparation of around 300 kilometres of access tracks is continuing, with much of this low-impact civil earthworks being delivered by local contractors.



Local surveyors check levels for upgrade of an access track.



The HumeLink West alignment is marked in yellow.



Temporary prefabricated modular building units being installed at Tarcutta.

Tower site drilling delivering solid results

Variable ground conditions and topography over the 140 kilometre HumeLink West alignment mean that each of the transmission tower locations needs to be individually sampled and assessed.

A crew of specialist contractors has been drilling core samples at the location of each of the foundation pads to enable laboratory testing of the extracted material.

Information gathered about the ground conditions is being used to ensure each of the tower foundations is fit for purpose.



Specialist contractors set-up the drilling rig at each transmission tower site.



The workers extract core samples from each site for laboratory testing.

Community information sessions

The HumeLink West team hosted an information session at Tarcutta on Tuesday 12 August to address local construction impacts and opportunities. The team will be available throughout the day at the community events listed below. If you are interested in learning more about the project or speaking with us directly, we invite you to come along.

- Markets by the Lake, 30 August
- Wagga Wagga show, 12-13 September
- Henty Machinery Field Days, 23-25 September

The community is also welcome to visit the recently opened HumeLink West Information Centre at the Snowy Valleys Resilience Hub, 37 Pioneer St. Batlow, open on Thursdays and Fridays, from 9am to 5pm.

Deeply rooted in the community since the 2020, the Snowy Valleys Resilience Hub and now the HumeLink West Information Centre is a dynamic new space where you can learn more about the project.

For the latest events information, view the **HumeLink West** page.

Community Investment and Benefits Program attracts strong interest

The HumeLink team has received 118 expressions of interest in the Community Investment and Benefits Program across the HumeLink project alignment.

The submissions will now be carefully sorted through to assess eligibility, feasibility and potential to create enduring social, economic or environmental legacies.

Proponents of the shortlisted projects will be invited to present their proposed initiatives at community presentations in September.

The program, designed to ensure local communities share in the positive outcomes of the project, will support community connection, care for country, local education and skills development, local industry development and other social legacy initiatives.

Final project selection is expected to be completed by late 2025. More information about the program is available on the **Community Investment and Benefits Program** page.

Enabling works progress at Maragle substation site despite severe weather

Occasional heavy falls of snow have caused only brief pauses to civil construction works at the Maragle substation site in the Snowy Mountains.

As the connection point between the Snowy 2.0 hydro electrical project and HumeLink, the site is the ongoing focus of bulk civil earthworks and associated drainage and sedimentation control measures needed for physical construction of the substation, such as pouring the foundations.



Winter weather has caused only minimal delay at the Maragle site.

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