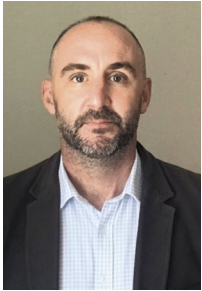


Mount Piper to Wallerawang Transmission Line Upgrade Project Community Newsletter

Message from the Project Director



I am pleased to announce that the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Mount Piper to Wallerawang Transmission Line Upgrade Project is now on public exhibition.

This report is a huge achievement for the team, who have worked hard to complete a comprehensive study which identifies and assesses the potential environmental, economic and social impacts of the project and outlines how they will be addressed.

I encourage you to get involved and 'have your say' on the EIS. The project team will be in the Wallerawang and Portland areas in September hosting three community information sessions. Please drop in, meet the team and make a submission. Details on how to make a submission are on following pages.

Thank you to local communities, landowners and key stakeholders whose local knowledge and valuable insights have been instrumental in helping to shape the project to date.

Daryn Mullen
Project Director

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About the Project

The Mount Piper to Wallerawang Transmission Line Upgrade Project (the Project) comprises of the construction and operation of approximately 8 km of new 330 kV transmission line between the Mount Piper and Wallerawang 330 kV substations, on the lands of the Wiradjuri people and within the local government area of Lithgow. Transgrid listened to feedback from community and key stakeholders in identifying and assessing routes for the Project and announced a preferred route in December 2023. For more information including the preferred route please visit www.transgrid.com.au/wallerawang

The Project will carry out upgrades to our transmission network in the State's Central Tablelands to support the NSW Government's delivery of the Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone (REZ). These upgrades will strengthen and reinforce the grid in the Central Tablelands, helping to ensure that power from the Central-West Orana REZ can be reliably moved back into the grid and to consumers.

Project benefits

If approved, the Project will deliver a range of benefits including:



Cheaper electricity – improving the affordability of electricity for consumers by increasing supply and driving down electricity prices



Improved reliability – delivering large amounts of new energy and strengthening and reinforcing the grid in the local region



Reduced emissions – a greater mix of renewable energy in the National Electricity Market

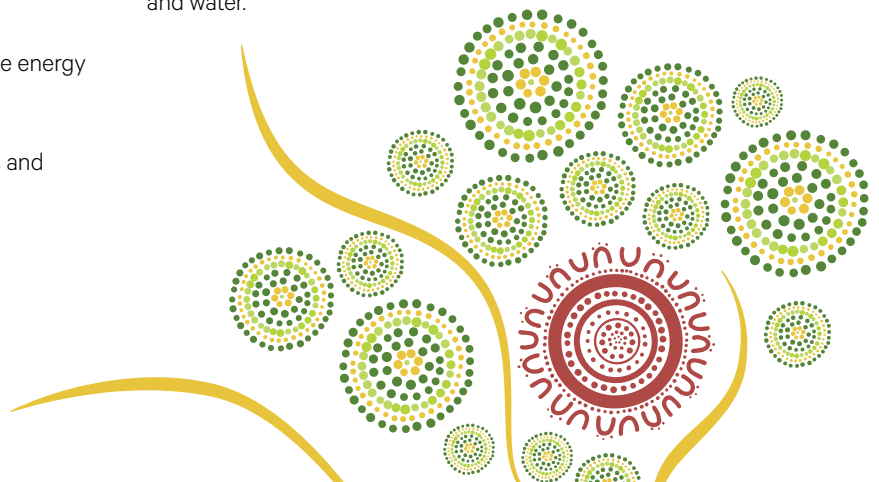


New local jobs – opportunities for local workers and businesses during construction.

Acknowledgement of Country

Transgrid acknowledges the Wiradjuri people as the Traditional Owners of the lands on which the preferred route is located. Traditional Owners have lived in the area for thousands of years and have an enduring custodianship and connection over the land and waterways of this region.

We pay our respects to the people and the Elders past, present and emerging. And we celebrate the diversity of Aboriginal peoples and their ongoing cultures and connections to the land and water.





Key project updates

Have your say on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

The EIS is now on public exhibition and available to view on the [NSW Major Project Planning Portal](#). The EIS assesses a Project's potential



Biodiversity



Aviation



Aquatic ecology



Contamination



Historical heritage



Bushfire



Economic



Traffic and transport



Noise and vibration



Land use and agriculture



Aboriginal heritage



Hazard and risk



Water resources



Social impacts



Visual amenity

community and environmental impacts and outlines strategies to reduce or manage them. It includes 15 technical reports which provide detailed assessment of impacts of the Project on:

Easy-to-read fact sheets

The project team has summarised the findings of specialist studies in easy-to-read fact sheets which are available at www.transgrid.com.au/wallerawang.

How to make a submission

Anyone can make a submission. Have your say by lodging a submission to the [NSW Department of Planning, Housing and](#)

[Infrastructure](#) either by post or online. As the EIS exhibition process is managed by the Department, all submissions must be sent directly to them (and not Transgrid).

The public exhibition period will continue for 28 days to Wednesday 24 September 2025. All submissions must be received by the Department by this date.

Post

In your submission, you must include:

1. Your name and address (provide this information in a separate cover letter if you want your personal details to be withheld from publication)
2. The application name: **Mount Piper to Wallerawang Transmission**
3. The application number: **SSI-70279722**
4. A brief statement on whether you support or object the proposal
5. The reasons why you support or object the proposal
6. A declaration of any reportable political donations made in the previous two years (further information about political donations visit the Donations and gift disclosure page).

To post your submission:

For the submission to be received, both the submission and mailing envelope must be addressed to the nominated contact person or team listed on the project page. For Mount Piper to Wallerawang, this is:

Erin Matarazzo

Application number: SSI-70279722

Locked Bag 5022

Parramatta NSW 2124

Online

1. Visit the NSW DPHI Major Projects Planning Portal: www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects



Scan the QR code to visit the DPHI website

2. Click 'Login and manage applications etc.', which is under the main banner. You will need to create an account to make a submission if you do not already have one.
3. Once logged in, click 'Make a Submission'
4. Find Mount Piper to Wallerawang Transmission in the list of projects
 - a. Select whether you will be making a personal submission or on behalf of an organisation
 - b. Disclose any reportable political donations
 - c. Decide whether to include your personal information in your submission
 - d. Make a brief statement on whether you support or object the proposal
 - e. Fill in the online submission form. Your submission can be either typed or uploaded as a pdf.
 - f. Agree to the terms and conditions and submit.

For additional support, visit; <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/help/frequently-asked-questions>



Come and visit us – EIS Community Information Sessions

Transgrid team members will be in and around Wallerawang and Portland in September to answer questions about the Project and provide guidance on how to make a submission to the EIS.

Come and visit us at one of the community information sessions at:

- Portland Library: 11 September between 2pm and 6pm
- Wallerawang Library: 13 September between 10am and 12pm
- Black and Gold Motel, Wallerawang: 16 September between 10am and 2pm



What have we heard so far?

Throughout engagement in the past three years, the community and key stakeholders have provided valuable local knowledge and feedback on the issues which are most important when planning and constructing the transmission line upgrade, including those listed below. The EIS will assess the impact of the Project on these features of the region and propose methods to mitigate impacts.

During the public exhibition period we encourage you to provide your feedback on our assessment of these, and other project impacts.



Environmental and biodiversity impacts - the community places a high value of the natural environment and would like minimal vegetation clearing and environmental disturbance in the Gardens of Stone State Conservation Area. Maintaining the diverse range of native plants and animals of the region is important to the community. Transgrid has listened and selected a route that was predominantly within area where the vegetation has already been disturbed by an existing transmission line easement and will continue to work with stakeholders, including the National Parks and Wildlife Service, to further minimise impacts as the Project progresses.



Image: Threatened fauna species recorded in the study area include the Gang-gang Cockatoo.



Economic impacts – the community values job creation and training, and stimulation to the local economy. Some community members have expressed concern about potential disruption to local businesses. The EIS assesses the number of local and regional jobs estimated to be created during construction and operation of the Project.



Social impacts – the community want to know the social impacts (both positive and negative) that may occur as a result the Project, such as impacts to local community facilities and housing.



Visual impacts – community members do not want the Project to impact the overall visual appeal of the region. Feedback has indicated that we should take the most direct route and utilise existing easements where possible. The Project should avoid private property as much as possible.



Traffic and transport - Potential traffic impacts during both construction and operation of the Project, including proposed mitigation measures. The EIS assesses traffic changes, heavy vehicle movements, traffic volumes and road capacity, property access, and road condition.



Aboriginal heritage - undertaking appropriate heritage surveys and seeking out local indigenous knowledge must be a priority.

What happens after the EIS public exhibition period?



At the end of the exhibition period, all the submissions will be posted on the Planning Portal website. Transgrid will prepare a summary report with responses to the submissions. When complete, this report will be posted on the Planning Portal website.

A final assessment of the EIS, including any community feedback will be completed by the Department and a determination made. If approval is granted, a list of Conditions of Approval for the next stage of the project will be given by the NSW Minister for Planning and Public Spaces.

Once the Minister has made their decision, the EIS and determination will be reviewed by the Australian Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW). They will make a decision on if they will approve the project and what conditions of approval will be required.

Subject to getting the planning approvals, construction on the Project would commence in late 2026 and be completed by late 2028.

In the community



Score for Wallerawang Warriors!

Transgrid was proud to be able to support local junior rugby league club the Wallerawang Warriors by providing funds to help purchase a portable electric scoreboard. The Warriors applied for funding through Transgrid's Community Partnership Program which allows local sporting clubs, not-for-profit groups and charities grants of up to \$5000 to fund initiatives. EnergyAustralia also chipped in to assist the Warriors with the new purchase.

Image: Project Community Engagement Lead Emily Eldridge (right) with Wallerawang Warriors Junior Rugby League committee members, and an EnergyAustralia representative.

Connect with us

Transgrid is committed to working with landowners and communities through the development of the Project. Please connect with us for more information.



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Find out more at:
transgrid.com.au/wallerawang

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