

Monthly construction update

February 2026

Substations civil works completed

Transgrid's HumeLink West delivery partners, UGL and CPB Contractors have completed civil earthworks for two new substations at Gugaa, southwest of Wagga Wagga and at Maragle in the Snowy Mountains.

Over 40,000 cubic metres of earth has been moved to prepare foundation pads and permanent drainage systems at each of the sites.

At the Maragle Substation site, where HumeLink will connect to the Snowy 2.0 hydro project, foundation piling and pouring of slabs to mount equipment is well advanced.



Foundation piling and concrete pours are well underway at Maragle.

Much of the specialised electrical equipment needed to assemble each of the substations has been safely delivered, with delivery and installation of transformers and other key components set to commence in the coming months.

Both substations, as well as upgrade of the existing Wagga Wagga Substation, are set for completion in 2027.



The HumeLink West alignment is marked in yellow.



HumeLink West transmission tower assembly southeast of Wagga Wagga.

Tower construction powering ahead

Construction of transmission towers is ramping-up on HumeLink West, with a dozen already erected and expectations of exceeding 100 within the first half of 2026.

Over 130 tower pads have so far been excavated, with foundation crews moving in to drill and pour the deep foundation piles needed to anchor each tower in place.

Each of the towers on HumeLink West will stand on average 72 metres tall and will be spaced between 300 to 500 metres apart.

Stringing of the first conductors between towers is scheduled to get underway during the first half of this year.

Access tracks lead the way forward

About 160 kilometres of the 330 kilometres of access tracks needed for construction of the transmission towers on HumeLink West have been constructed to date.

Since the start of access track construction in early 2025, the civil teams comprising grader, excavator, dozer, roller and articulated dump truck operators have progressed southeast from Wagga Wagga and are now active towards the eastern end of the alignment in the Bago State Forest area.

Surveyors are the first on site, setting the direction and levels of the gravel pavements - wherever possible making use of existing logging routes and farm tracks.

The remoteness of some of the access track locations presents civil teams with significant logistical challenges, including getting to and from site each day, bringing in and servicing heavy machinery, supplying fuel, road base and drainage materials.

The construction team has established its own secure two-way radio facilities to support operational safety and efficiency - especially in the remote alpine region of the Snowy Valleys.



Hybrid solar battery power supply systems are being installed at HumeLink West materials and equipment storage facilities, batchplant and substation sites.

Hybrid solar power systems cut diesel use

The HumeLink West team has successfully trialled the replacement of 100% dependency on diesel engine powered electricity generation at a substation site, with a hybrid solar battery system that has reduced diesel power generation to just one hour per day.

The trial of the 123kWh solar battery system at the Maragle site has reduced power generation carbon emissions by 98% - the equivalent of taking 65 cars off the road each day.

As a result of the trial, UGL and CPB Contractors are installing the systems at eight key project sites including at construction materials and equipment storage facilities, concrete batchplants and at substation work sites - equating to the emissions reduction of taking over 300 cars off the road each day.

Come say hello to our community team

Community members are always welcome to visit the HumeLink West Information Centre at the Snowy Valleys Resilience Hub, 37 Pioneer St. Batlow, open Monday to Friday, from 9am to 5pm.

Additionally, our community team will be at the following local events in February and March.

- Tumbafest - 21st to 22nd February
- Tumut Show - 7th March
- Adelong Show - 14th March
- Tumbarumba Show - 21st to 22nd March
- Batlow Show - 28th March.

We look forward to meeting you, so please come and say hello.

Sustainable water capture and reuse

The HumeLink West team is committed to achieving significant sustainability targets throughout construction - which include responsible use of water.

Each of the five standalone materials storage yards, the two substation sites and both worker accommodation facilities have water storage dams to capture water run-off in rain events. This water is then used for dust suppression on nearby construction sites.

The Tarcutta and Kunama worker accommodation facilities also capture grey water and rain tank water from their large roof areas for use as dust suppression during civil earthworks at project access points, access tracks and at transmission tower foundation sites. This sustainable approach minimises the project's use of precious potable town water.

Local road user safety

Until project completion in late 2027, road users should expect increased light and heavy vehicle traffic on some local roads.

These movements include workers travelling to and from project sites and trucks delivering construction equipment and materials such as tower steel, concrete. See the FACT SHEET.

Safety is central to all traffic and vehicle operations on the HumeLink project. If you wish to report any project-related related driver of concern, please use the contact details below.

We thank the community and road users for their patience and ask everybody to take extra care, observe speed limits, follow directions and drive to the conditions.

Local traffic information is available at www.livetraffic.com

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