

Equipment and workforce accommodation

Updates to proposed support site locations

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Amendment Report



Updates to worker accommodation and construction laydown site locations

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to share feedback, ask questions and participate in the VNI West (NSW) consultation process so far. As the project progresses towards final planning in support of the environmental assessment, we've refined the proposed locations for worker accommodation and construction laydown sites.

This fact sheet outlines what's changed for temporary workforce accommodation and construction compounds, and why.

VNI West is a proposed new 500 kV double-circuit overhead transmission line connecting the electricity networks in New South Wales and Victoria.

Where planning has progressed to

Since the public exhibition of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in August 2025, Transgrid continued to refine the project based on community and stakeholder feedback, along with ongoing design and technical requirements. These proposed amendments and refinements have been assessed in an Amendment Report submitted to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) alongside a Submissions Report responding to issues raised during the EIS exhibition period.

What changes are covered

The EIS identified several temporary worker accommodation and construction compounds to support construction of the project. Since then, we've refined these locations based on further construction planning, landholder discussions and community feedback, focussing on greater use of existing disturbed land and facilities where possible.

* For more information on temporary workforce accommodation, refer to Chapter 3 of the Amendment Report.

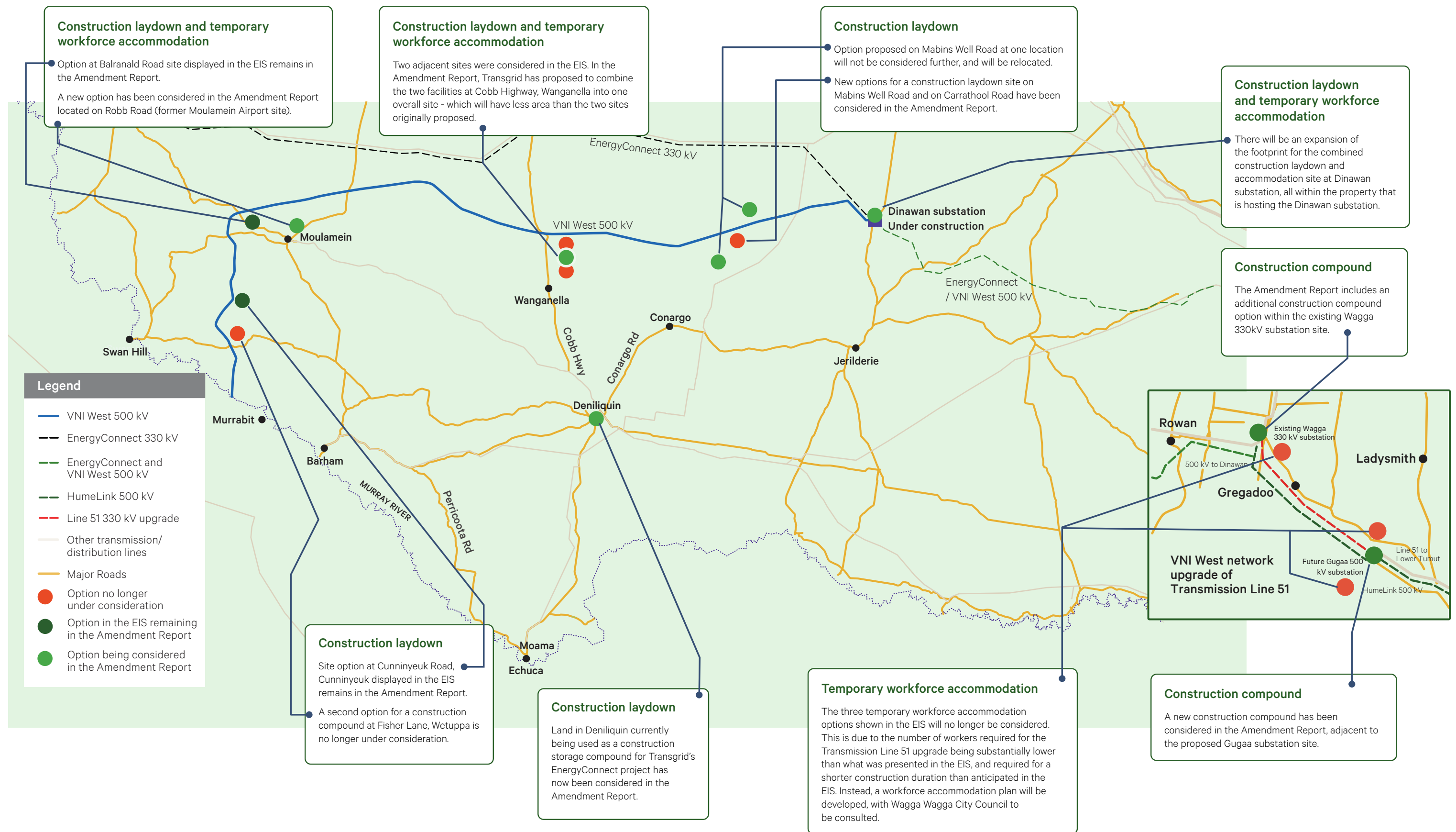


Figure 1: Proposed changes to construction laydown and temporary workforce accommodation sites.

The table below outlines what was proposed in the EIS and what has changed:

What was presented in the EIS	What has been updated as part of the Amendment Report
A temporary worker accommodation facility and construction compound at Balranald Road, Moulamein.	The Balranald Road, Moulamein site remains in the Amendment Report. We have also identified and assessed an alternative site (the former Moulamein Airport site) at Robb Road, Moulamein. While both sites are assessed, construction of a temporary worker accommodation and laydown compound would only occur at one of these locations.
Two temporary worker accommodation facility options at Cobb Highway, Wanganella, located adjacent to each other.	The site alongside the Cobb Highway at Wanganella is still proposed to be used. However, we have refined requirements and combined the two separate sites into one overall site - which is smaller than the two sites combined, while accommodating the same number of workers.
A temporary worker accommodation facility and construction compound at Dinawan substation, Bundure.	The temporary worker accommodation facility and construction compound will continue to be established at Dinawan but will be configured differently compared to the EnergyConnect project. This is a result of expanding the Dinawan substation facility to make greater use of existing disturbed land previously used for the EnergyConnect project.
Three temporary worker accommodation facility options near Wagga at Gregadoo Road (Options A and B) and Livingstone Gully Road.	The Amendment Report has removed the previously identified accommodation options at Gregadoo Road and Livingstone Gully Road. This is due to further assessment of worker numbers for activities in Wagga Wagga being much lower than was anticipated in the EIS. Instead, Transgrid will develop a Worker Accommodation Plan to inform the selection of worker accommodation in Wagga Wagga LGA. The plan will consider a range of accommodation types (hotels, short term housing, commercial providers, adaptive use of site compounds), and be completed in consultation with Wagga Wagga City Council and service providers, while also factoring other major projects under construction at the time the accommodation is required for Transgrid's construction activity.
Construction compound options at Fisher Lane, Wetuppa, Cunninyeuk Road, Cunninyeuk and Mabins Well Road, Mabins Well.	• The Cunninyeuk Road, Cunninyeuk construction compound has been retained for the western end of the project. • Fisher Lane, Wetuppa, is no longer being considered and has been removed from the Amendment Report. • Mabins Well Road (original option in the EIS) is also no longer being considered and is removed from the Amendment Report. We still need a construction compound in this locality, and are considering options at either an alternative location on Mabins Well Road or along Carrathool Road. The final location will be determined in consultation with landholders - both alternative locations have been assessed in the Amendment Report. • A new construction compound has been identified at the Gugaa 500 kV substation to support material laydown and storage. • An additional construction compound has been identified adjacent to the existing Wagga 330 kV substation to support network augmentation works, using an existing site previously established for the EnergyConnect project. • An existing construction storage site in Deniliquin, previously established for the EnergyConnect project, will continue to be used for material laydown and storage.
A construction workforce of up to around 1,500 workers across multiple work fronts, including up to around 1,100 workers onsite at peak times and up to around 400 workers for substation works.	The amended project proposes a staged construction workforce, requiring: • Stage 1 [Dinawan substation (Bundure) and Transmission Line 51 network upgrade (Wagga Wagga)]: around 300 workers during peak construction, with most required at the substation site. Construction work is likely to occur from mid-2027 until mid-2029; • Stage 2 [500 kV Transmission Line, Dinawan to NSW-VIC border]: around 850 workers during peak construction. Construction work is likely to occur from mid-2028 until late 2030.

Next steps

The VNI West NSW EIS, Amendment Report, and Submissions Report have been submitted to the NSW DPPI for review before a determination is made.

If approved, the NSW Minister for Planning and Public Spaces will issue the Conditions of Approval for construction and operation of VNI West NSW.

The Commonwealth Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water and the Commonwealth Minister for the Environment and Water will also review the determination and decide whether to grant approval, including any additional Conditions.



Get in touch

If you have questions or would like more information, please get in touch.

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