

Work Notification | August 2026

Green Hills, Batlow, Kunama, Laurel Hill, Tumbarumba, Buddong and Nurenmerenmong

REF: HLW-135

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 a joint venture as HumeLink West.

What work is happening

Work is continuing for access points and tracks, road crossing hurdles, brake and winch pads, tower foundations, tower assembly, transmission line stringing and the Maragle 500kV substation to completion in late 2027. Activities include:

- Excavating and piling for the tower foundations, including controlled blasting at selected locations where impacts are minimal
- Tower base and substation construction, including reinforcement and concrete pours
- Assembling and lifting the towers using cranes
- Stringing conductors across the towers using drones and helicopters
- Vegetation clearing, excavation and earthwork
- Transporting machinery and supplies
- Survey, investigation and monitoring of biodiversity, heritage, noise, dust and vegetation including drone and aerial photography
- Equipment testing and operation.

All work will be carried out in line with the project [Conditions of Approval](#) available on the NSW Government Major Projects website planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/humelink.

Controlled blasting

During construction of HumeLink West, controlled blasting will be used to prepare sites for tower foundations in areas where the ground is too hard to excavate with standard equipment. This approach will allow rocks to be broken up efficiently while reducing disturbance to nearby areas.

Controlled blasting can make construction work quicker and safer. Using controlled, modern techniques means the rock breaks in a predictable way, which:

- reduces the amount of heavy machinery needed
- allows hard rock to be removed more easily
- helps keep the overall project running efficiently
- minimises disruption by shortening the time crews need to work in an area.

Controlled blasting is scheduled to begin at selected sites from August 2026 and will continue towards the end of the year. More information on controlled blasting is available at

www.transgrid.com.au/media/ireboclg/humelink-west-controlled-blasting-fact-sheet-august-2026.pdf

Aerial stringing activities

The use of helicopters and drones to string conductor cable between transmission towers will occur across the HumeLink alignment. From April 2026, we have started aerial stringing work from Wagga Wagga substation and are working south-east along the transmission tower alignment using tractors, drones and helicopters.

To string cables (conductor) between towers insulators, pulley blocks are put in place to enable the conductors to be installed. During the stringing process, the tractor, drone or helicopter installs the pilot cable (draw wire) through the pulley blocks from the winch site to the brake site. The draw wire is then used to pull the permanent conductor through the pulley blocks.

Helicopters will usually take-off and land from brake and winch sites, and occasionally from work compounds (shown on the map overleaf). Tractors will also operate at brake and winch sites. Drones will take-off and land at any location along the alignment.

Stringing between brake and winch sections will take about four weeks, depending on weather. Temporary traffic changes will be in place at the road hurdle crossings to build road hurdle structures, and to pull cables over roads.

More information on aerial stringing is available at www.transgrid.com.au/media/ejxnj1ma/humelink-aerial-stringing-fact-sheet-april-2026.pdf.

When we are working

Standard working hours are 7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday and 8am to 1pm on Saturdays.

Controlled blasting and aerial stringing works will be carried out Monday to Friday, between 9am and 5pm, and Saturday between 9am and 1pm. Aerial operations will be limited to daylight hours, and noisier stringing activities will be scheduled for the middle of the day.

Work out of these hours will take place at locations where impacted properties and landowners have been separately notified.

Concrete pouring activities may take place between 5am and 8pm, Monday to Sunday through to February 2027. This is to allow sufficient time and optimal conditions for the pours to be completed.

Environmental surveys including flora and fauna monitoring will be undertaken 24/7 to prepare for work and for monitoring throughout construction.

Where we are working

Work will be between access points and the transmission line, as shown in the map. See the interactive map for all work locations at transgrid.com.au/humelink#Project-map.

What you can expect

There will be an increased number of construction vehicles and machinery across the project area. Equipment used are generators, elevated work platforms, telehandlers, cranes, forklifts, water carts, excavators with attachments, compactors, earth moving equipment, drones including drone cameras, concrete agitator trucks, helicopters, heavy and light vehicles.

We will make every effort to minimise impacts by:

- Minimising machines and vehicles used, ensuring they are maintained, turning them off when not in use, and fitting devices or shielding to minimise noise
- Monitoring dust, noise and vibration and changing our work if required

Traffic control

Traffic control will be in place when required, including temporary traffic lights, variable message signs, 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. For the latest traffic updates, visit livetraffic.com or download the app Live Traffic NSW.

Connect with us

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

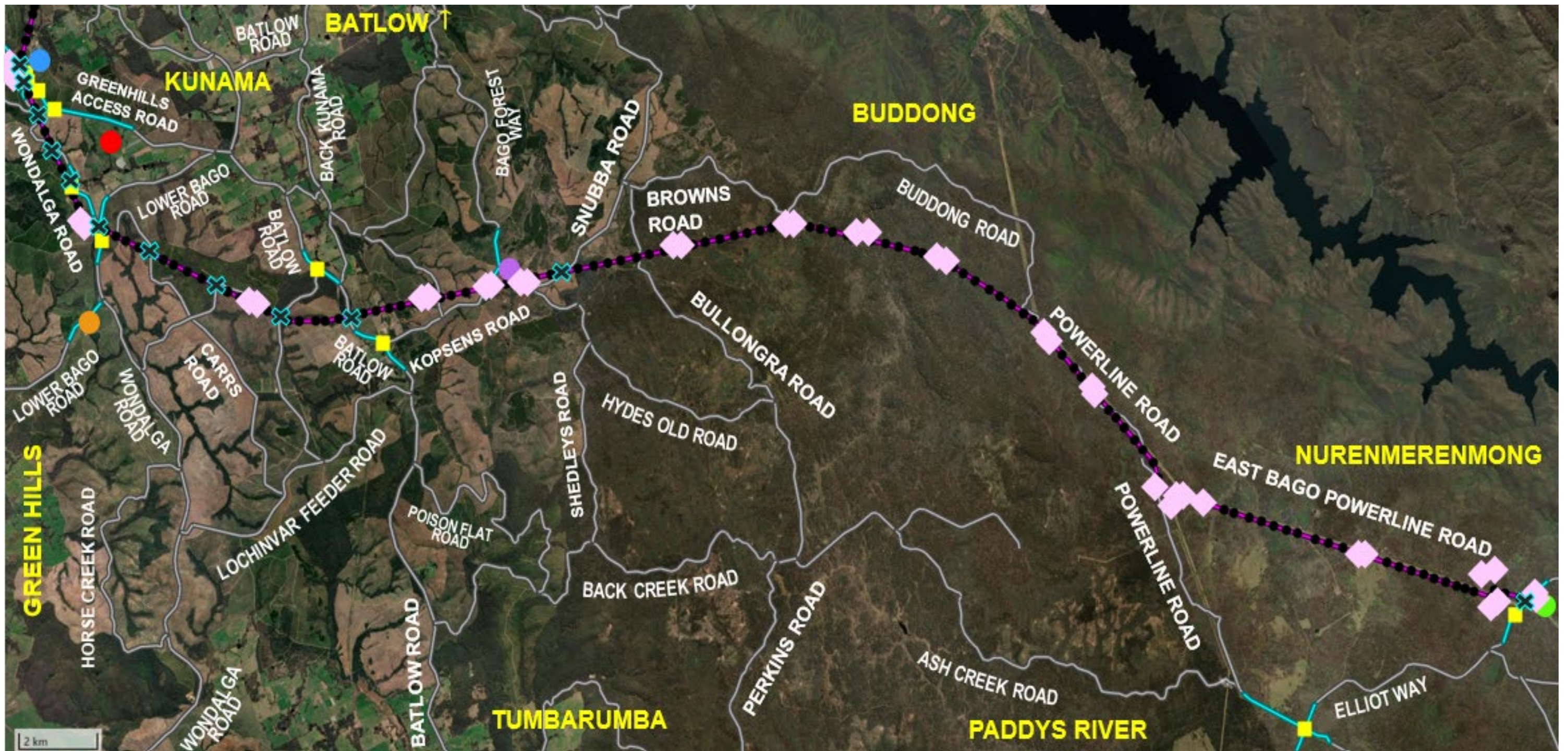


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To subscribe to regular work updates, project newsletters and key information, please register at <https://forms.office.com/r/91tgjdTDj1> or scan the QR code.

If you have any questions about the project, please contact our Community and Stakeholder Engagement team on **1800 317 367** or humelink@transgrid.com.au. Alternatively, you can visit us at the Snowy Valleys Resilience Hub, 37 Pioneer Street Batlow, open **Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm**.

KEY

- Maragle 500kV substation and compound
- Ardrossan Headquarters Road compound
- Kunama worker accommodation facility and compound
- Snubba Road compound
- Lower Bago Road compound
- HumeLink West transmission line
- Traffic control
- Access point
- ◆ Brake and winch site
- ✕ Road hurdle crossings
- Transmission tower

Map is indicative only and not to scale

