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### Construction work powers ahead in the west

Construction activity on Australia's largest electricity transmission project, EnergyConnect, is powering ahead in western NSW. Project directors Stephen Troughton (Transgrid) and Samuel Basanta Lopez (SecureEnergy JV) recently inspected progress on drilling and concrete pouring works for tower foundations near Buronga. About 6,000 footings are needed to support 1,500 towers from Wagga Wagga to the South Australian border.

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#### Project office officially opened in Wagga Wagga

Wagga Wagga Mayor Dallas Tout officially opened the project office of EnergyConnect construction partner SecureEnergy JV in the city last week. The new office will support EnergyConnect as a training and operations hub, local business and project delivery centre.

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#### Massive substation expansion takes shape

In addition to constructing 700km of new transmission lines, we're also building one of the biggest and most complex substations in the Southern Hemisphere as part of EnergyConnect. The Buronga substation will be the main hub connecting the power grids of NSW, South Australia and Victoria. Bulk earthworks are underway, with up to 4,000 cubic metres of material moved and compacted daily to create a bench for the substation expansion.

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## Workforce moves into project accommodation

Australia's largest transmission project has a growing workforce to match. EnergyConnect's first worker accommodation camp was recently completed on a 30ha site at Buronga and has welcomed its first residents. The 200-module camp will house up to 340 workers in high-quality living amenities. It is one of five purpose-built camps being constructed across the project alignment with associated offices and laydowns for equipment.



#### Final environmental approval for EnergyConnect

Transgrid has welcomed the Commonwealth Government's environmental approval for the second stage of EnergyConnect. The approval follows a thorough assessment of the eastern alignment of the project by the Commonwealth Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water under the provisions of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act.

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## Community groups share in Transgrid funding

Community organisations across southern NSW have shared in a \$200,000 funding boost as part of Transgrid's commitment to supporting communities where it operates or has assets under development. 48 not-for-profit groups in locations including Wentworth, Wagga Wagga and Hay received grants under the latest round of our Community Partnerships Program, which has been benefiting local communities for a decade.

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#### **EnergyConnect captured in Indigenous art**

EnergyConnect construction partner SecureEnergy JV commissioned Aboriginal artist Amanda Hinkelmann to create a piece of artwork reflecting the project. The artwork is a representation of the EnergyConnect project between Wiradjuri Country in Wagga Wagga and Robertstown's Ngadjuri lands.

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