

VNI West Land Access

FACT SHEET

VNI West is a proposed new 500kV double-circuit transmission line connecting the energy grids of NSW and Victoria. The new line will run from Transgrid’s Dinawan substation being built north of Jerilderie to new substations near Kerang and Bulgana in Victoria.

The purpose of this fact sheet is to provide important information about situations where Transgrid may need to access private land to conduct studies as part of project planning. These studies could include environmental, cultural heritage and later, geotechnical surveys.



Land access – what can you expect?

If we require access to your property, we will contact you directly to seek your permission, and document any requirements or conditions of entry you might have.

We will provide you with a consent to enter form, which will include:

- the type of activities proposed to be conducted
- proposed locations
- timeframes for the activities to be completed
- conditions required to access the site
- any remediation to be undertaken once activities are completed.

Transgrid representatives will not conduct any activities on private land without receiving prior consent.

What types of activities are proposed?

Transgrid may need to conduct a range of preliminary activities including surveys, assessments and other investigations.

These activities are generally non-invasive and would be used to inform the design and planning approvals for VNI West.

Examples of preliminary activities include:

- environmental and ecological surveys
- cultural heritage surveys
- geotechnical investigations.

More detailed information about the specific activities proposed would be discussed prior to accessing your property.



On-site discussions with Landowner, NSW.



How will Transgrid work with landholders?

Transgrid is committed to working with landholders to minimise the impact of its activities on property operations.

As guests on a landowner's property, Transgrid will at all times act with respect and courtesy.

To ensure Transgrid's discussions with landowners are constructive, Transgrid has developed principles to support the way it works together with the landowner.

These principles ensure Transgrid:

- communicates openly and honestly
- acts respectfully and collaboratively
- incorporates feedback into decision making processes.



Biosecurity

Come Clean, Go Clean

Biosecurity is important as it protects our economy, environment and community from the impact of pests, diseases, weeds and contaminants.

Under the requirements of the NSW Biosecurity Act 2015 and the Biosecurity Regulation 2017, Transgrid has procedures in place to work with landholders to prevent, eliminate or minimise biosecurity risk as far as is practicable.

Preventing, Eliminating and Minimising Impacts

There are several proactive measures Transgrid undertakes to minimise biosecurity risks to properties. These include:

- Minimising the amount of vehicles and equipment brought onto a property
- Staying clear of any identified high-risk areas (wet, boggy terrain or weed infested areas)
- Sticking to designated roads and paths
- Being aware of any potential biosecurity issues that may be happening in the local area.

To 'Come Clean, Go Clean' we perform the following tasks:

- Inspections of vehicles for soil/vegetation matter, especially where a vehicle might harbour these, like wheel wells, undercarriage, radiator and behind the bullbar.
- Thoroughly washing down vehicles periodically. Where possible we also wash down, brush down or utilise the Biosecurity Kit before entering a property.
- Scrubbing and washing down boots before entering or leaving a property and production areas.
- Ensuring all tools and equipment have been properly cleaned and not carrying any unwanted pest passengers.

Also considered are the potential risks involved when other properties and farms have been recently visited and if there may have been contact with unwell stock.



Transgrid employee performing vehicle washdown.

Transgrid is committed to working with landowners and communities through the construction of VNI West. **Please connect with us if you need any information.**

