

## Fact sheet

# Yass accommodation facility and compound (ACO5)

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## What is HumeLink?

HumeLink is one of Australia's largest energy infrastructure projects connecting renewable energy sources to the grid, increasing availability and market competition and helping to put downward pressure on energy prices in Australia.

The project consists of 365 kilometres of 500 kV overhead transmission lines connecting Wagga Wagga, Bannaby and Maragle, and new or upgraded infrastructure at four substations. HumeLink is critical to making more affordable, reliable and renewable energy available to the people of NSW and is a priority project for the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) and the Commonwealth and NSW governments. To view HumeLink's interactive route map go to [transgrid.com.au/humelink](https://transgrid.com.au/humelink).

## Proposed accommodation facility in Yass

Five temporary accommodation facilities were proposed in HumeLink's Amendment Report that was lodged with the Department of Planning, Housing and Industry (DPHI) in May 2024. The five facilities are proposed at Yass, Tarcutta, Green Hills, Adjungbilly and Crookwell. These locations were selected following engagement with local councils, and through community feedback and submissions made during the public exhibition of the Environmental Impact Statement in 2023.

The project team has continued engagement with key stakeholders, including Yass Valley Council, on the proposed accommodation facility planned at Faulder Avenue in Yass.

In response to feedback, the project team relocated the worker accommodation facility to a new location at Yass Industrial Park.

The new location is closer to the project alignment, which will reduce the amount of travel required by construction teams between the project area and their accommodation. It is approximately 2.2 kilometres from the original location on Faulder Avenue and further away from the township of Yass. The new location at an established industrial site minimises impacts during site establishment.

## Why does HumeLink need accommodation facilities?

Establishing new temporary worker accommodation facilities will assist in alleviating the pressure on short-term accommodation in nearby towns for tourists, the rental market and housing affordability. Each accommodation site would also include food and catering, fitness and recreational (such as a gymnasium), and first aid facilities, as well as parking.

## Overview of the Yass accommodation facility

**Location:** Yass Industrial Park, 1 Yass Valley Way.

**Area:** 5.4 hectares is expected to be utilised

**Nearby:** Closest residence is about 800m east

**Access during construction:** Existing property access from Commercial Road and Enterprise Road.

**On-site numbers:** This will vary throughout construction – at peak demand, up to 300 workers on site.

**Parking:** Parking for about 250 light vehicles and 25 heavy vehicles within the facility.

**Potential site activities:** Utility works to connect the site to power, water, wastewater and any other service as required. Establishment of temporary fencing, lighting, fire protection, erosion and sediment controls, vegetation removal (as required) and establishment of construction infrastructure for the temporary office and camp accommodation facilities.

## Overview of the Yass construction compound

Construction compounds are used to support the construction of the project. The Faulder Avenue site compound will be utilised as described in the EIS and Amendment Report, while the accommodation facility is proposed to be moved to Yass Valley Way.

**Location:** On private property along Faulder Avenue on the north-western outskirts of the Yass township

**Area:** 9 hectares is expected to be utilised.

**Nearby:** Closest residence is about 120m south-west.

**Access:** Via existing property, access from Faulder Avenue.

**Parking:** Parking for about 12 light vehicles and 6 heavy vehicles within the facility.

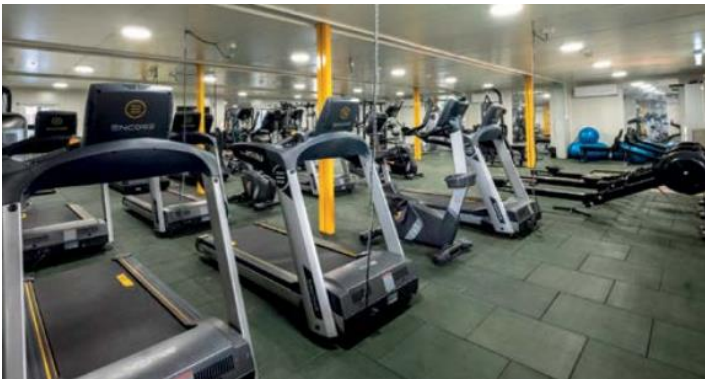
**Potential site activities:** Connections to existing utilities, erection of temporary fencing, lighting and fire protection measures, erosion and sediment controls, vegetation removal (as required) and establishment of temporary facilities (eg. office and workshop sheds). Additional uses will depend on the construction methodology adopted by the delivery partner and may include: concrete batching (the preparation of concrete for construction activities), helipad and/or helicopter facilities for access and temporary training facilities to support the construction of the project. At the completion of construction, the site would be rehabilitated to its original condition in consultation with the landowner.



**Figure:** Location of proposed Yass accommodation facility at Yass Industrial Park



**Image:** Example of worker accommodation from Project Energy Connect



**Images:** Examples of worker accommodation amenities from Project Energy Connect

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## Frequently Asked Questions

### Safety & Security

Fencing around all sides of the proposed facility will be approximately 2.5 metres high. To comply with Transgrid's safety requirements, the following additional security measures would also be required:

- security cameras
- operational lighting
- safety and public information signage

The safety and welfare of our people, delivery partners and the broader community is our highest priority. To find out more about how Transgrid safely operates visit the *Community Safety* section of the Transgrid website:

<https://www.transgrid.com.au/safety>

### Traffic and transport

An assessment of the current traffic conditions would be made as set out in the Traffic and Transport Management Plan, with measures to ensure the safety of all road users. This could include additional road signage and dedicated left and right turn lanes at the entry points to the accommodation facility and compound.

### Lighting

Applicable Australian standards for circulations roadways, pedestrian crossings, general storage and pedestrian access, pedestrian pathways.

Walkways, general storage, car parks and outdoor activity area will have minimal lighting to meet Australian standards – Outdoor activity lighting will have a 10pm curfew

### Water supply

Water is required for operation and maintenance. It may be sourced from a rainwater tank fed from the auxiliary services building that would also allow for water truck deliveries. There also may be opportunities to directly connect to potable water.

### Stormwater and drainage

The proposed facility would include suitable drainage infrastructure to capture and discharge stormwater collected during operation.

### Bushfire risk

As part of the Environmental Impact Statement, a bushfire risk assessment that was completed including detail about how bushfire will be managed during construction. The bushfire risk assessment fact sheet is available on our website:

<https://www.transgrid.com.au/media/aw4hd5gf/bushfire-risk-assessment-august-2023.pdf>

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## 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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