

Project update | December 2024

We're starting enabling work on HumeLink West

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.

HumeLink West Joint Venture (UGL Engineering and CPB Contractors) is delivering the western section of the project for Transgrid. This will include the construction of around 140 kilometres of 500kV overhead transmission lines, expansion of the Wagga Wagga 330kV substation, the design and construction of a new 500 kV substation at Gregadoo (Gugaa substation) and work to connect the future Maragle 500kV substation.

We have been completing site investigations and associated activities to progress detailed design for this project throughout 2024. Project enabling work is scheduled to start progressively from 13 January 2025, which marks a significant project milestone as we prepare for construction. Enabling work will continue until mid-2025.

What is enabling work?

Enabling work includes site establishment, survey and monitoring activities needed to ensure the project is ready to build when the time comes. The enabling work activities include:

- Survey and investigation activities:
 - Environmental surveys
 - Biodiversity studies
 - Heritage investigations
 - Noise and dust monitoring
 - Arborist surveys and local vegetation investigations.
- Locating underground utilities and services including power, gas, water and telecommunications.
- Local roads and property condition surveys.
- Establishing access points and tracks on private and public property along the alignment.
- Establishing accommodation facilities for workers at Tarcutta and Green Hills and construction facilities along the project alignment.
- Installing traffic management and controls at multiple locations along the HumeLink West alignment.
- Work on private properties previously agreed between Transgrid and landowners.

What you can expect

We will make every effort to minimise the impact of our work, but you might notice some impacts, including:

- Traffic control and signage will be in place to assist road users, and there may be an increase in light and heavy vehicles in the area. No road closures are expected.
- Where noise can impact our neighbours, we will use mitigation measures to reduce impacts, including consulting and notifying those potentially affected.
- Establishing facilities at various sites will require equipment and other deliveries to the site, with major earthworks in the initial stages.
- There may be some dust while we build access tracks and establish our working areas. We will have dust suppression measures in place, including water carts, to minimise the risk of dust impacts.

When we are working

Work will take place during standard construction hours of **7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday** and **8am to 1pm on Saturdays**. If work out of these hours is required, we will contact impacted neighbours at least seven days before the work starts.

Where we will be working

Work will take place across the full HumeLink West project alignment, shown in the map below.



What happens next

We'll continue to keep you updated about the project and let you know of any new work we're planning that might impact you. If you have questions or concerns about any of the above, please contact our Community and Stakeholder Engagement team on 1800 317 367 or humelink@transgrid.com.au.

We welcome your feedback on the HumeLink West JV Community Communications Strategy. Visit transgrid.com.au/humelink-west/#Strategies-Plans-and-Programs to view the strategy, and connect with us to have your say.



Stay up to date with our work

Please head to transgrid.com.au/HumeLink or scan the QR code to subscribe to regular updates, and for more information on the project.

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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