

Project EnergyConnect Construction Update

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Work Outside Approved Construction Hours

We are writing to update you on work outside approved construction hours on EnergyConnect, Australia's largest transmission project. The project will connect electrical grids across Australia and will improve reliability of our nation's energy supply.

SecureEnergy Joint Venture has been contracted by Transgrid to deliver part of EnergyConnect with the construction of 700km of new power lines from the SA border to the regional energy hub of Wagga Wagga (refer Image 1). The project is due to be completed by 2024.

As part of EnergyConnect we will be building access points to new overhead transmission lines and water points, several camps and laydown areas located along the project alignment to accommodate our construction crews and staff, and the extension of two substations (Buronga and Wagga Wagga) and a new substation at Dinawan (Coleambally).

As part of building the EnergyConnect project, we will be working outside approved construction hours.

Work hours

Typically work will be carried out during the project's approved construction hours, which are:

- Monday to Friday 7am-6pm
- Saturday 8 am to 1 pm
- At no time on Sundays and NSW Public Holidays

Why do we need to work outside approved construction hours?

Out of hours works are required so we can minimise the impacts of noise on residents and the community. If we can work extended hours during our construction activities, it will take less time to build EnergyConnect and the overall noise impacts will be reduced.

Activities associated with out of hours work

Activity	Occurrence	Outside of approved construction hours	Activities	Impact
Renmark Road Camp and Laydown				
Enabling Works	Daily as required (Late August to late September 2022)	Monday to Sunday 7 am to 6 pm	Establishment of site Minor clear and grubbing Minor earthworks Drainage installation Spray sealing Line marking Traffic Control	Noise
Bulk Earth Works	Daily as required (Late September to early October 2022)	Monday to Sunday 7 am to 6 pm	Clearing and Grubbing Topsoil Stripping Bulk Earthworks Internal road construction Construction of laydown area	Light Noise Traffic
Camp Establishment	Daily as required (Mid-October to early December 2022)	Monday to Sunday 7 am to 6 pm	Foundation Installation Building modules installation Camp facilities Walkways IT and Communications	Light Noise Traffic
Site Security	Daily	24 hours per day 7 days per week		Light Noise
Fletchers Lake Road Water Fill Access Point				
Enabling Works	Daily (Late August to Late October)	Monday to Sunday 6 am to 6 pm	Clear and grubbing Some minor road works	Light Noise Traffic
Buronga Substation (Arumpo Road)				

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Site Establishment	Daily (Early August to mid-November 2022)	Monday to Sunday 6 am to 6pm	Clear and Grubbing Bulk Earthworks	Light Noise Traffic
Substation Pad Construction	Daily (Early August to mid-November 2022)	Monday to Sunday 6 am to 6pm	Bulk Earthworks	Light Noise Traffic

How we manage our work

The Project Team will use machinery that generates noise, light and vibration. To manage this work, we will:

- Minimise the number of plant/vehicles to be used
- Ensure all plant/vehicles to be maintained and serviced
- Turn off machinery when not in use
- Undertake the majority of works during daylight hours however if lighting is required, direct temporary lighting down and away from residents
- Fit equipment with devices to minimise noise, particularly reversing squawkers will be used where reasonably practicable
- Monitor noise so we can manage any potential impacts and adjust our work as required
- Use watercarts for dust suppression

All work will be carried out in line with the project's Conditions of Approval and the Construction Environmental Management Plan.

Keeping you informed

Work outside of approved construction hours will be carried out as outlined in the table provided.

We thank you for your patience and understanding during these construction activities. Please feel free to contact us by phone 1800 49 06 66 or email community@secureenergyjv.com.au or logon to www.transgrid.com.au/energyconnect for further information about the project.

Overview of Energy Connect



Image 1: EnergyConnect map of the alignment