

Project EnergyConnect Construction Update

May 2023

Occupancy of the Balranald camp

We are writing to update you on Project EnergyConnect, Australia's largest transmission project. The project will connect the electricity grids of New South Wales, South Australia, and Victoria, improving the reliability of our nation's energy supply.

SecureEnergy 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 early 2025.

As part of EnergyConnect we will be moving our team into a worker accommodation camp located on Church Street, Balranald during main construction activities. The Balranald camp is the only accommodation facility that is pre-existing on our project and has been supplied by QVC.

Occupancy of the Balranald camp will take place in May 2023 and it will accommodate 168 team members.

Camp facilities

The camp facilities at Balranald include the following:

- Fully functional kitchen. QVC's subcontractor ESS will be providing a hot breakfast and dinner with a crib lunch from the kitchen.
- Dining facilities
- Ensuite bedrooms
- Gymnasium
- Spiritual room
- Wi-Fi and all internet facilities
- Storeroom for clothes and bags to be left by team members while on days off.
- Laundry facilities

Parking facilities

All parking is within the camp area. The layout of the camp will provide car parking for SecureEnergy light vehicles and reasonable access for emergency services for medical evacuation. There will be no heavy vehicles parked at the camp.

The workforce will be on a set roster with a 10-hour working day so the opportunity for workers to come into town is limited but not restricted. However, SecureEnergy encourages our workforce to visit local tourist locations in the region on rostered days off and once the project has been delivered.

Transportation for workers during a rostered shift would be by bus and or SecureEnergy 4WD vehicle.

Medical and other Emergencies

If there is a medical incident in any of our work areas SecureEnergy's medical providers Baseline Medical will be the first point of contact. This will reduce any impacts to local medical providers and services.

There will be five project ambulances and ten project paramedics along the project alignment. Depending on the seriousness of the injury, Baseline Medical paramedics will determine what other medical services are required.

As per the Project EnergyConnect Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan, NSW Fire and Rescue will be contacted in the usual way by calling 000 should there be a fire or oil spill at any of our camps.

Hours of Operation

The camp will be open 24 hours with security located at the entrance during weekdays, weekends, and public holidays.

How we manage our work

Providing accommodation for our workforce is one of the first steps in constructing Australia's largest transmission line. Our camp and laydown strategy is focused predominately on ensuring our worker health and safety. The long distances our employees must travel to our construction work sites is an important factor in determining our camp locations to manage fatigue. This approach is also intended to reduce pressure on the local rental market and commercial accommodation; and it ensures travel time to construction locations is minimised.

The occupancy of the Balranald camp will allow our team to carry out construction activities connected with the construction of 700km of new power lines. We will be using 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.

Ongoing Consultation

The Project Team will continue to keep you informed and updated as the project progresses.

Contact Us

We thank you for your patience and understanding during camp construction and operation.

Please feel free to contact us by phone 1800 49 06 66 or email community@secureenergyjv.com.au or scan for further information about the project.



Image 1: EnergyConnect map of the alignment

Overview of EnergyConnect

