

EnergyConnect

Construction Update: Cobb Highway Camp Occupancy

November 2024

Elecnor Australia (formerly 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. The project will connect the electrical grids of New South Wales, South Australia, and Victoria, improving reliability of our nation's energy supply.

Construction update

Elecnor Australia has completed construction of the Cobb Highway accommodation camp and laydown area, approximately 40km south of Hay, NSW.

The camp will house workers during transmission line construction activities in the area.

Occupancy of the 250-bed camp is scheduled for early December 2024 and will be in place for the duration of the project.

Approved hours for construction activity and laydown operation are:

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

Works outside approved construction hours

Works outside approved construction hours will continue for the period from November to 31 December 2024 to ensure works are carried out safely and to minimise disruption to the community.

Work at the camp and laydown will take place, weather permitting:

- Monday to Sunday 6am to 7pm (including Public Holidays)

Camp and storage activities

The scope of works outside of approved construction hours is summarised below:

- Lighting: Installation of lighting and services.
- IT and Comms: Installation of IT & Communication equipment into the camp buildings and the associated connections between buildings.
- Laydown: Storage of tower steel, Overhead Transmission Line equipment and additional light vehicles.

How could this impact you?

Noise and air quality within approved limits

There will be an increased number of construction vehicles on the road across the project area during our work. The road noise levels generated by construction traffic will not exceed the standard decibel noise levels for local roads. The predicted road noise levels and associated increases will only occur during the day-time period and any noise impacts are temporary.

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



Aerial image of the Cobb Highway Camp taken in November 2024.

How we're managing impacts

Camp lighting

The Project Team will take all reasonable steps to minimise the off-site lighting impacts of the camp; and ensure that any external lighting associated with the development:

- Is installed as low intensity lighting as possible (except where required for safety or emergency purposes);
- Does not shine above the horizontal; and
- Complies with Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 4282:2019 – Control of Obtrusive Effects of Outdoor Lighting.
- There will be approximately 20 solar lights on poles for both walkways and the carpark.
- Additionally, there are plans for covered walkways between buildings to have pedestrian down lighting for workers to safely move between plenary areas and private bedrooms.

Camp safety

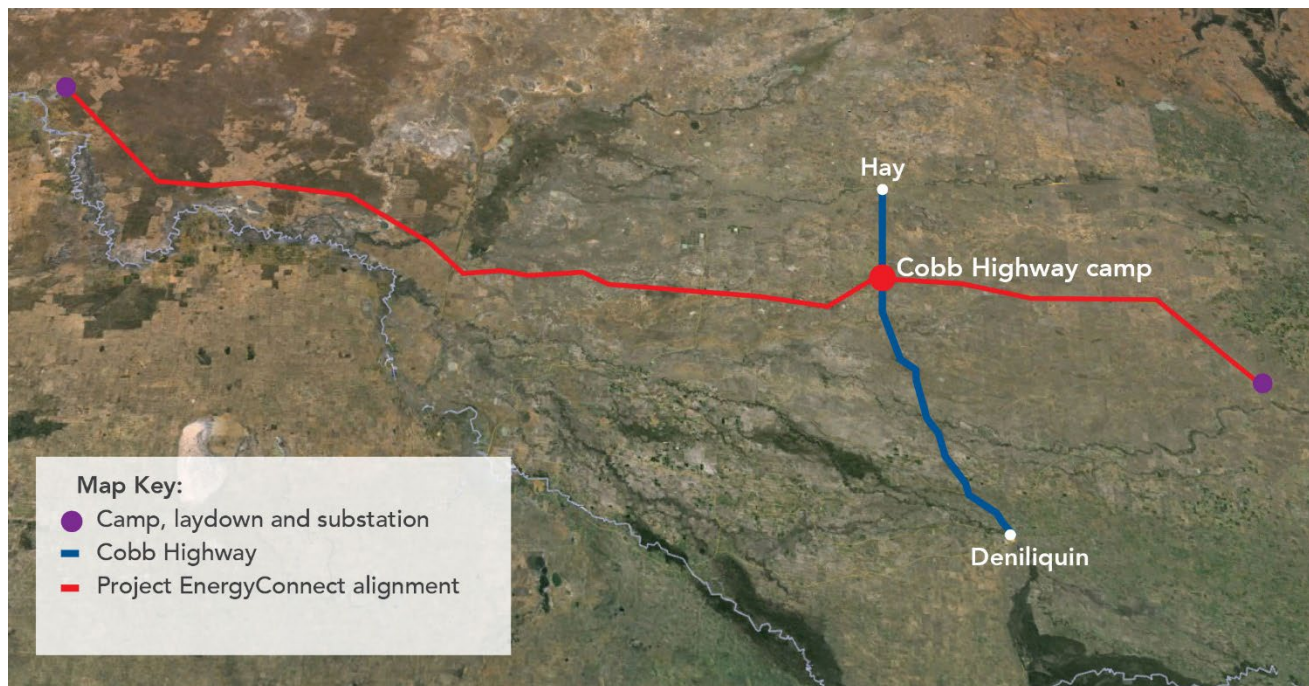
Site Security: 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

Site light, noise and vibration

Machinery and equipment will generate some light, noise and vibration. We will make every effort to minimise impacts by:

- Minimising the number of machines/vehicles to be used.
- Ensuring all machinery and vehicles are maintained and serviced.
- Turning off machinery and vehicles when not in use.
- Directing any temporary lighting down and away from homes.
- Fitting equipment with devices to minimise noise.
- Monitoring noise so we can manage any potential impacts and change our work as required.

Map of the camp location on the Cobb Highway



Traffic impacts

The project team have identified transit routes through the Hay LGA. Please take care when using these roads and be alert to increased construction traffic.

Temporary traffic changes may be in place to ensure the work zone is safe. Please keep to the sign posted speed limits and drive to the conditions such as slowing down in wet weather and poor visibility.

Motorists on the Cobb Highway should be aware of vehicles entering and exiting the camp access point.

Traffic construction and water access routes are as follows:

State roads: Cobb Highway

Regional roads: Maude Road

Local roads: Lachlan Street (Cobb Highway), Jerilderie Road, Glenhope Road, Jerilderie Road, Romani Road, West Burrabogie Road, Thelangerin Road, Showground Road, Dunera Way

Types of equipment

The type of plant and equipment you can expect to see at various stages of general construction activities are generators, graders, rollers, mulchers, excavators, semi-trailers, bobcats, concrete trucks, rollers, tractors, heavy-lift cranes and additional light vehicles.

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Elecnor Australia is committed to working with landowners and communities through the construction of EnergyConnect. There are several ways to contact the project team. Contact the Project Community and Stakeholder Engagement Team on:

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