

Welcome to the Western Renewables Link project update. Here you can read about the latest updates on the project's Environment Effects Statement, new initiatives for landholders and affected communities, and learn more about transmission line construction via our online resources.



## Enhanced support for landholders and communities

**We're expanding support and introducing new initiatives for landholders and affected communities along the proposed route in response to extensive feedback.**

A reliable energy system is essential for all Victorians, and the Western Renewables Link will play a critical role in securing our energy future. We've heard from landholders that improved compensation and benefits are a priority. In response we are introducing a new Voluntary Hosting Benefit as direct financial recognition of the important role landholders play in delivering critical future energy infrastructure.

This benefit is separate from and additional to the compensation already offered under the Option for Easement; it is also distinct from [the landholder payments announced by the State Government in February 2023](#).

We have also improved the flexibility of our Land Access Consent and Option for Easement processes based on landholder feedback.

We understand the need for early support for communities affected by Western Renewables Link, and we are enhancing our community benefit sharing program to provide increased funding and benefits during the project's development.

While these programs typically begin after planning approval and during construction, we are acting on feedback requesting earlier support. We look forward to sharing more information on this in the coming months.

We recognise that this project brings genuine challenges for landholders and communities, and we remain fully committed to listening and responding to the concerns that have been raised.

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Transmission line construction



## Environment Effects Statement progress update

We are currently finalising the project's Environment Effects Statement (EES) which we are submitting to the Department of Transport and Planning, for assessment.

This assessment determines whether the EES adequately addresses matters raised in the scoping requirements.

Subject to the Minister for Planning's authorisation, this assessment includes a public exhibition, an inquiry and other advisory committee processes, including a public hearing.

We are targeting public exhibition in the second half of the year. During the exhibition period, all landholders and community members will have the opportunity to review the EES and make a submission to the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP). Those who submit can also request to be heard at the independent inquiry that follows.

We will provide further details about the public exhibition, including dates and locations of information sessions where you'll be able to review the EES materials and speak directly with members of the technical team, once the EES schedule is finalised.



## New online resources

### Transmission line construction

Construction of a new transmission line is a complex process with several stages involved. Our [Transmission line construction fact sheet](#) explains how the overhead transmission line and towers will be constructed as part of the proposed Western Renewables Link.

More information about transmission towers, including tower types, is available in the [Transmission towers and conductors fact sheet](#) on the website's [Resources page](#).



## Want to speak with a member of our team?

We're committed to continuing to engage with the community and will continue to consider all feedback.

We encourage anyone interested or affected to contact the project on our dedicated number 1800 975 975 or email us at [info@westernrenewableslink.com.au](mailto:info@westernrenewableslink.com.au).



### About the project

The Western Renewables Link is a proposed new 190km overhead high-voltage electricity transmission line that will carry renewable energy near Bulgana in western Victoria to Sydenham in Melbourne's north-west.

The project is critical infrastructure required to unlock the renewable energy potential of western Victoria as a key Renewable Energy Zone and will help deliver clean and affordable energy to all Victorians.

### More information

Visit the project website [westernrenewableslink.com.au](http://westernrenewableslink.com.au) for the latest project information.

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