# PROJECT UPDATE



Welcome to the Western Renewables Link project update. Here you can read about the project's Environment Effects Statement (EES) and draft Planning Scheme Amendment (PSA), which are now available for public comment, as well as how to make a submission.

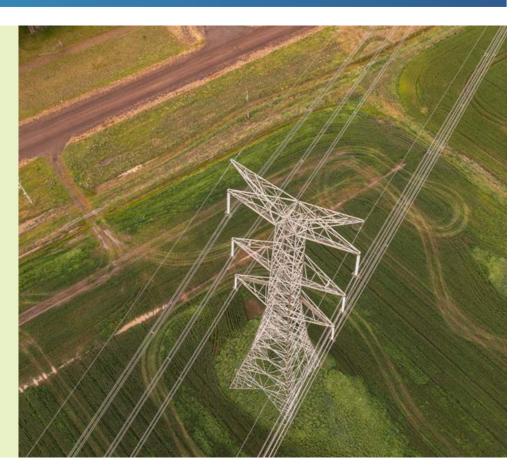


# Environment Effects Statement public exhibition

The Environment Effects Statement (EES) and draft Planning Scheme Amendment (PSA) for the proposed Western Renewables Link are now on public exhibition for a period of 40 business days, from Monday 30 June to Friday 22 August 2025.

The EES describes the proposed 190km overhead high-voltage electricity transmission line from Bulgana in western Victoria to Sydenham in Melbourne's north-west. It outlines the project's potential environmental effects, the process undertaken to develop the project, and the measures proposed to avoid, minimise or manage those effects.

The EES includes a summary report, main report chapters, technical reports, attachments, and a map book. The draft PSA is included as an attachment to the EES.





### **Accessing the EES**

The EES and draft PSA are now available online at <a href="www.westernrenewableslink.com.au/ees">www.westernrenewableslink.com.au/ees</a>. The website also includes fact sheets to help navigate the EES, a list of display locations where hard copies can be viewed, and details of upcoming community information sessions.

To support accessibility, USBs containing the full EES have been distributed to landholders on the proposed route. If digital access is not practical, please contact the project team by phone on 1800 975 975 or email at <a href="mailto:info@example.com.au">info@example.com.au</a>.

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You can find details about the public exhibition locations of the EES <u>here</u>.

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# Making a submission

Written submissions on the EES and/or draft PSA can be made via the Engage Victoria website at <a href="https://www.engage.vic.gov.au/Western-Renewables-Link-IAC">www.engage.vic.gov.au/Western-Renewables-Link-IAC</a> until 11.59pm on Friday 22 August 2025.

Making a submission is optional, but it is an important way to ensure your views are considered. Further information about the submission process and next steps is available on the project website.



# Community information sessions

Project team members will be visiting shopping centres and community venues along the proposed project route during the exhibition period to help community members access information about the EES. Copies of the summary report and free USBs containing the full EES will also be available.

There will also be information sessions where you will be able to speak directly with technical specialists and the project team. No bookings are required for these sessions.

For more details on pop-up and information sessions, visit the **project website**.

# Update on project schedule

As the project continues to progress through the planning and procurement phases, the construction timeframes have been updated to reflect the latest available information. Construction activities along the transmission line route are currently targeted to begin in the first quarter of 2027, with completion expected by the fourth quarter of 2029. Undertaking the procurement process for selection of a primary construction contractor, in parallel with finalising the EES, has provided greater understanding of how construction will be delivered and the time it will take.

We remain committed to keeping landholders informed and will continue to provide updates as the project advances, including more refined information as to when construction activities are planned to occur on specific sections of the route and individual properties.



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

The Western Renewables Link team understands that the EES contains a significant amount of information, and we are committed to supporting community understanding of the EES and draft PSA.

We encourage anyone interested or affected to contact the project on our dedicated number 1800 975 975 or email us at <a href="info@westernrenewableslink.com.au">info@westernrenewableslink.com.au</a>.



#### About the project

The Western Renewables Link is a proposed electricity transmission line that will carry renewable energy from western Victoria to homes and businesses across the state and into the National Electricity Market.

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

## More information

Visit the project website westernrenewableslink.com.au for the latest project information.

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