

Welcome to the Western Renewables Link project update. In this update you can learn more about updates to the proposed route and terminal station site, how the transmission line is designed, new fact sheets on field surveys and investigations, and information about our upcoming community information sessions.



Upcoming community engagement events

Engaging with the community to ensure local voices and concerns are considered in the planning, approvals, and the design phase of the project is critical. Throughout September and October, the Western Renewables Link team will be hosting pop-up information sessions and online webinars. Please join us to learn about the updated proposed route, field survey findings, and the Draft Planning Scheme Amendment.

You can also find out more in our [Updated proposed route](#), [Environment Effects Statement](#) and [Draft Planning Scheme Amendment](#) fact sheets.

All members of the community are welcome to attend, and registration is not required. Further information is available on our website's [News and Events](#) page.



New Environment Effects Statement resources

The Western Renewables Link project team is committed to providing landholders and communities with information and resources about the project's planning and approvals process. You can view our new Environment Effects Statement webpage [here](#).

Designing the Western Renewables Link

Designing overhead transmission lines to carry power from the source of generation to homes and businesses throughout Victoria is a complex process which includes consideration of:



The proposed route identified through community and stakeholder feedback combined with the findings of technical studies, field surveys and investigations.



The existing conditions along the proposed route, such as agriculture and other land uses, residential areas, native flora and fauna, Aboriginal cultural heritage, landscapes and other factors.



The functional requirements of the transmission line provided by the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO).

For more information about how we have designed the Western Renewables Link, watch our new [Designing the Western Renewables Link](#) video on our website.

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Field surveys and investigations

Field surveys and investigations are required to confirm the existing conditions and environmental sensitivities of the land and assess the potential impacts of the project.

In 2021, we published **Preliminary EES Information Sheets** that summarised the existing conditions based on desktop reviews, field surveys and investigations carried out by engineers, scientists and technical specialists. Understanding the existing conditions with the project area of interest was the first step towards developing the impact assessment reports, which will be part of the project's Environment Effects Statement.

We have now published additional information sheets where you can read more about our field survey and investigation findings to date:

- ✓ **Aboriginal Cultural Heritage field surveys and investigations**
- ✓ **Fauna field surveys and investigations**
- ✓ **Flora field surveys and investigations**
- ✓ **Historical heritage field surveys and investigations**
- ✓ **Landscape and visual impact field surveys and investigations**



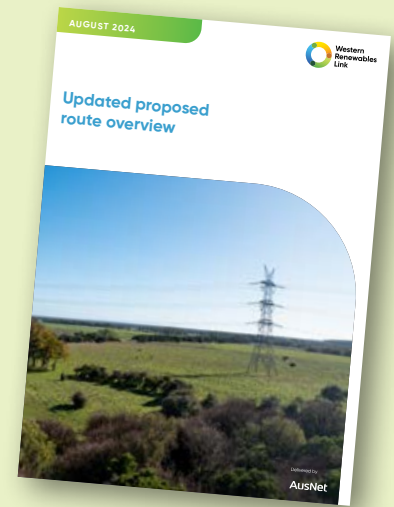
Proposed route and terminal station update

After changes to the project in 2023, including the increase in capacity of the 220kV section of the transmission line to 500kV and relocation of the proposed terminal station from the north of Ballarat to Bulgana, we've now identified the proposed site for the new terminal station. After working with landholders and undertaking field surveys and investigations in the area, we have now identified a proposed site, which is to the north-east of the existing Bulgana Terminal Station.

Based on landholder, community and technical specialist feedback, we have also made several additional updates to the proposed route at various locations.

The proposed route detailed on the web-map now includes these changes, as well as showing the southern option at Hepburn Lagoon and changes to the proposed route north of Waubra, as previously communicated on the project website.

Further information about this project update is available in the Updated proposed route (August 2024) fact sheet, available on our [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. You can contact the project team at any time via the below details.

Throughout the year there will be opportunities to meet with members of our team who will be out and about at community events providing important project updates.



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 for the latest project information.

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