### **PROJECT UPDATE**



Welcome to the Western Renewables Link project update. In this update you can learn more about neighbouring landholder information, how the transmission line is designed, the update to the proposed route at Waubra and how businesses can register interest in the project.



## Engaging with neighbouring landholders

We recognise that landholders with property near the proposed Western Renewables Link transmission line may have questions about the project.

We've created a dedicated page for project neighbours on our <u>website</u> and invite you to register your details as a <u>neighbour</u>.

<u>Registering your details</u> will allow us to share important information with you about the project in a timely manner, including:

- Opportunities to talk to us in person, via webinar, community engagement events, or on the phone.
- Residential visual impact assessments. You
  can register your interest in having the views
  of the proposed transmission lines from your
  property assessed by a technical expert.
- Ways to participate, provide your feedback on the project and find out more about government approvals, such as the <u>Environment Effects Statement (EES)</u> process.
- Information about the Draft Renewable Energy Zone Community Benefits Plan recently announced by the Victorian Government and VicGrid, which will apply to the Western Renewables Link and is due to be finalised by the end of the year.

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Following changes to the project in 2023, we have been working with landholders to the north of Waubra to identify and confirm a new proposed route in this area.

We have worked with landholders, technical specialists and undertaken field surveys to try to balance the many complexities that need to be considered in this area. These insights have informed the revised proposed route.

You can view the updated Western Renewables Link proposed route on our interactive map.

## Waterways and the Western Renewables Link

Waterways and wetlands are an important part of Victoria's ecosystem.

The proposed Western Renewables Link interfaces with eight river basins including sections of the Wimmera, Avoca, Moorabool, Werribee and Lerderderg Rivers.

As part of the project's <u>Environment Effects Statement</u> (EES), we are identifying surface water values and assessing potential impacts on waterways and wetlands. We are in the process of finalising the technical study on surface water which will be part of the EES.

For more information about the **EES** process and our technical studies, visit our website.



## Local business register

The Western Renewables Link is committed to supporting local communities and businesses along the proposed project route.

The services of a range of businesses and industries will be required to facilitate the construction of the proposed Western Renewables Link. Services and resources required will include materials and equipment supply, general trades, construction, administration, catering and accommodation, plus many more.

We welcome local businesses, social enterprises and institutional providers, to express their interest via our **website**.



# Do you 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 WRL WRL (975 975) or email us at <u>info@westernrenewableslink.com.au</u>.

Throughout the year there will be other 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. For more information about the project, visit our **website**.

#### More information

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

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