

Iberdrola Australia appointed to help delivery of VNI West

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VicGrid welcomes Iberdrola Australia as development partner for VNI West

VicGrid is pleased to announce Iberdrola Australia has been selected as the development partner for the Victorian section of the Victoria to New South Wales Interconnector West (VNI West) project, marking a step forward in delivering one of that state's most significant transmission projects.

VNI West is a planned 500 kilovolt (kV) double-circuit transmission line that will link Victoria's Western Renewables Link with Project EnergyConnect in New South Wales.

Once complete, VNI West will help maintain grid reliability, enable the connection of more renewable energy, and support the state's energy transition as coal-fired generation retires.

Reflecting the importance of regional engagement, the tender process required proponents to demonstrate how they would work collaboratively with landholders, Traditional Owners and communities throughout the project's delivery.

Iberdrola Australia's locally based team is backed by Iberdrola Group which brings extensive experience delivering and managing complex energy infrastructure projects, including community collaboration, across Australia and globally.

The company's technical and project management expertise, combined with a commitment to sustainable and transparent delivery, aligns closely with VNI West's objectives to design responsible infrastructure that supports Victoria's renewable energy transition.

TCV now a part of VicGrid

From 1 November 2025, VicGrid assumed responsibility for VNI West from the Australian Energy Market Operator.

As part of the transfer of responsibility, Transmission Company Victoria (TCV) staff and contracts have been transferred to VicGrid and all existing agreements with landholders and communities will be honoured.¹

¹ TCV will remain the legal entity for contracts with landholders but all staff will work for VicGrid.

Existing land liaison officers will still be the point of contact for landholders but VicGrid will have overall responsibility for engagement with landholders, Traditional Owners, and local communities. This will ensure direct accountability to the government body and the highest standards of engagement.

During the development phase, VicGrid will lead VNI West's development with Iberdrola supporting activities such as project design, procurement, planning approvals, the Environment Effects Statement (EES) process and engagement.

If Iberdrola meet VicGrid's expectations through the development phase, they will then be appointed to build, own and operate the project with strict oversight from VicGrid. As the project progresses, Iberdrola's presence on the ground will increase.

Quotes attributable to VicGrid CEO, Alistair Parker:

"The appointment of Iberdrola as the development partner for VNI West provides confidence that this critical project will continue to progress with the right expertise and focus, maintaining grid reliability and delivering genuine benefits for regional communities."

"As Victoria reforms how transmission infrastructure is developed, VicGrid looks forward to working closely with Iberdrola and local stakeholders to deliver VNI West responsibly and ensure landholder and community voices are central to the process."

Quotes attributable to VNI West Program Director, Mick Douge:

"We know landholders and communities want clarity and certainty. This appointment is an important milestone and, with VicGrid assuming responsibility for VNI West, there is a continued commitment to a landholder-first approach."

"We welcome Iberdrola's expertise and look forward to introducing them to landholders and communities as we continue to progress this important project together."

Quotes attributable to Iberdrola Australia Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Ross Rolfe AO:

"We're proud to partner with VicGrid on VNI West and to play a key role in delivering one of Victoria's most significant energy infrastructure projects."

"Our experience in renewable energy, transmission networks, and major project delivery means we're well placed to contribute to VNI West's success and Australia's broader energy transition."

"We recognise the importance of building trusted relationships with landholders and local communities, and we're committed to working closely with VicGrid to ensure respectful and transparent engagement throughout the project."

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