

What's next for VNI West?

Refining the route, environmental assessment and field surveys

Here's a brief update on some key activities as we move into the next phase of planning, design and approvals for the VNI West transmission project.

Preferred easement announcement

Conversations with landholders, engineering studies and field surveys are part of the ongoing work to narrow down the VNI West draft corridor to a preferred easement 70-120 metres wide. We expect to have more detail to share soon with communications planned for September, subject to the EES process. We will do our best to make sure that landholders with property in the preferred easement are informed first, ahead of a public announcement.



Environment Effects Statement (EES) consultation

The regulatory EES assessment process is now underway, overseen by the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP). We are working with DTP on the "draft scoping requirements", a document that outlines the technical studies to be carried out on a range of matters as part of the project impact assessment. In coming months, the draft scoping requirements will be released by DTP for public comment, providing the community with the opportunity to provide feedback. We will communicate more details once the consultation timing is confirmed.

Access agreements with landholders

TCV continues to seek access to land in the corridor to carry out field surveys, which are important to inform project planning by providing us with a better understanding of the local environment. If we need to access private property, we will request consent from landholders. Any terms for access or farm rules will be set out in a formal land access agreement with the property owner. TCV follows strict biosecurity protocols including thorough boot, equipment and vehicle washdowns using disinfectant cleaner on entry and exit from properties.



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