

Community feedback shapes final study scope for VNI West



Throughout TCV's ongoing engagement with landholders and community members, several key concerns have been raised consistently about the potential impacts of the VNI West transmission project. Late last year, many people took the time to formally share their views through the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) EES scoping consultation process.

That feedback has helped shape the Final Scoping Requirements (now published), which sets out what must be investigated as part of the Environmental Effects Statement (EES) - Victoria's most rigorous environmental and social assessment.

Four key themes emerged from community submissions:

- Housing availability and potential solutions during construction
- Mental health and wellbeing impact for residents
- Accessibility concerns for farming equipment around transmission lines and the impact of the project on floodwaters
- Biosecurity concerns about the potential spread of weeds or pathogens that could affect agriculture.

Due to these submissions, the final scope reflects these priorities, ensuring they will be properly assessed. You can view the requirements in full here: <https://www.planning.vic.gov.au/environmental-assessments/browse-projects/referrals/victoria-to-new-south-wales-interconnector-west-victorian-component>

Your voice matters

TCV knows that VNI West will have real impacts on landholders and communities, which is why we remain committed to listening, learning and acting on local concerns.

The EES process will not only assess potential impacts but also explore ways to minimise them – shaped by both technical studies and ongoing community input.

As we continue these studies, we want to keep hearing from you. Local knowledge is critical to getting this right, and we encourage landholders and community members to stay involved.

To find out more about the project, and the EES process, or have your say, visit our website transmissionvictoria.com.au or scan the QR code.

