

## Transmission Company Victoria granted a Victorian electricity transmission licence

The Essential Services Commission (ESC) has granted Transmission Company Victoria (TCV) a Victorian electricity transmission licence, following a public consultation and engagement program.

A transmission licence allows the holder to operate transmission infrastructure and transmit electricity in Victoria. TCV has now received a licence to support the development and delivery of the VNI West project.

VNI West is a new transmission line being developed between Victoria and New South Wales. It will support new generation and storage projects connecting to the National Electricity Market (NEM) and the sharing of the lowest-cost electricity between states, helping maintain reliability as coal-fired power stations retire and energy demand continues to grow.

TCV continues to engage with landholders and communities along a 70m preferred easement for the new transmission line, which will run from Bulgana to north of Kerang in north-west Victoria. The project is currently progressing design, planning and approvals, with a comprehensive impact assessment underway via a regulatory Environment Effects Statement (EES).

VNI West project executive Claire Cass said she welcomed the news.

“This is an important milestone in the development of VNI West. We will continue to work closely with landholders and the community to finalise the project design with the least impact to people, farming and the environment,” she said.

For information on the licencing process, including a copy of TCV’s application and response to public submissions, visit the [ESC website](#) or [Engage Victoria](#).

A full list of Victorian transmission licence holders can be found [here](#).

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### **About VNI West**

VNI West is a major project to build a new transmission line between Victoria and New South Wales. It will harness renewable energy in both states and improve the reliability and security of electricity supply as coal-fired power stations retire and energy demand continues to grow. As coal-fired power stations retire, new renewable energy generation will be built to fill the supply gap. New transmission lines are needed to connect this power with our homes and businesses and improve reliability. In Victoria, a preferred easement of 70m wide along most of the route has been identified. The easement runs from Bulgana to near Kerang and then across the border into New South Wales. Construction is scheduled to commence after all approvals have been obtained, in 2026.

### **About TCV**

Transmission Company Victoria (TCV) is a new company created by AEMO Victorian Planning to progress the VNI West transmission project. TCV will discuss the VNI West transmission project with landholders, Traditional Owners and the community to understand local concerns and ensure that commitments made in the early stages are captured and honoured across the life of the project. TCV will provide early project updates and will work with the community on this important transmission line. For more information, head to [www.transmissionvictoria.com.au](http://www.transmissionvictoria.com.au).