

A new chapter for Victoria's transmission planning



While there are some big changes underway in how Victoria's transmission network is planned and delivered, TCV will continue to keep you informed about what this means for the Victoria to New South Wales Interconnector West (VNI West) project, and for your communities.



Current state

Since 2022, the **Australian Energy Market Operator's (AEMO's) Victorian Planning function** has been responsible for developing VNI West — a proposed 500kV double-circuit transmission line connecting the Western Renewables Link project in Victoria, with project EnergyConnect in New South Wales.

VNI West will maintain grid reliability, supporting the transition to new forms of electricity generation as coal-fired generators retire after decades of great service. VNI West will deliver long-term benefits for local communities, the energy market, and the broader economy.

AEMO Victorian Planning (AVP) established **Transmission Company Victoria (TCV)** to deliver the Victorian section of the project. TCV is leading the development phase of VNI West, including early works, environmental and planning approvals, community and landholder engagement.

Transmission planning and VNI West

The Victorian Government has introduced reforms under the Victorian Transmission Investment Framework (VTIF) to change how major transmission projects are planned and delivered across the state. As part of these reforms, from **1 November 2025**, responsibility for planning Victoria's transmission infrastructure — including accountability for TCV and VNI West — will shift from AVP to VicGrid.

The transition will not affect TCV's current work, and our dedicated teams will continue to lead VNI West through the development phase. This includes engagement with landholders, Traditional Owners, Councils, and community groups. These ongoing conversations remain at the centre of how VNI West is being planned, and ensure commitments made during the development phase are honoured over the life of the project.

Staying connected

As these changes take place, the VNI West project team remains focused on supporting landholders and communities through open and respectful communication. We'll continue to share updates so you can stay informed as the project and transition progress.

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