



Energy Corporation of NSW (EnergyCo)



Hunter Central Coast Regional Reference Group

3 August 2026

Acknowledgement of Country



Energy Corporation of New South Wales acknowledges that it stands on Aboriginal land. We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land and show our respect for Elders past and present through thoughtful and collaborative approaches to our work, seeking to demonstrate our ongoing commitment to providing places in which Aboriginal people are included socially, culturally and economically.

Agenda



Item	Lead	Time
Welcome	Chair	1 minute
Acknowledgment of Country	Rodney Groves	2 minutes
HCC REZ Access Scheme	Rachel Hayden, Stephen Sizer	30 minutes
Hunter Transmission Project	Stephanie Lewis, Kelly Carberry	20 minutes
AGL Operations and Future Plans in the Hunter	Rob Cooper	20 minutes
Newcastle Logistics Precinct	Adam Noonan	20 minutes

Agenda



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NSW Government & EnergyCo SPWD expectations	Geoff Dove	15 minutes
NSW & Hunter Central Coast Jobs Guide	Walter Mansfield	10 minutes
General Business	Chair	2 minutes

Welcome



- Any new conflicts of interests to be declared

Previous actions:

Action	Raised by	Comment	Responsible	Status
RRG sought a list of documents used in the Hunter Desktop Study.	RRG 4 th May 2026	Desktop Review documents to be circulated to RRG members to ensure all appropriate documents captured.	EnergyCo	Closed (sent 8/5)
RRG would like the opportunity to provide further details on the Hunter CEBP.	RRG 4 th May 2026	Desktop findings and priorities to be sent to RRG members with questions to provide feedback.	EnergyCo	Closed (sent 8/5)

HCC REZ Access Scheme

Rachel Hayden & Stephen Sizer

Access Scheme high-level options

Option 1 – Access Rights Network + Access Control Network

Access Rights on the REZ Network Infrastructure. EnergyCo would cap the number of projects that could connect to this line (purple line)

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Access Control on every other line in the REZ @ 132 kV and above. This would be uncapped



Option 2 – Access Control Network only

Access Control on every line in the REZ @ 132 kV and above. This would be uncapped

Access fees

- Access fees are determined by AusEnergy Services (ASL), the Consumer Trustee
- The fees are only determined *after* the access scheme is declared
- Access fees are determined on a \$ per MW basis for each project subject to the scheme.
These fees are paid each year until the end of the scheme term
- Some projects would be ‘exempt’ from the scheme and not subject to fees. This would be if:
 - The project is already operating
 - The project has received a connection offer from the network operator (Ausgrid or Transgrid)
 - The project has received a government underwriting agreement such as a CIS (from federal Government) or an LTESA (from NSW Government)



Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone Access Fees Update

EnergyCo as the Infrastructure Planner has conducted the application process for Access Rights for the Central-West Orana (CWO) Renewable Energy Zone (REZ). In its role as the Consumer Trustee, AEMO Services (ASL) has the function under section 26 of the Electricity Infrastructure Investment Act 2020 (NSW) (EI Act) of setting Access Fees that are payable to the Scheme Financial Vehicle (SFV) by Access Right Holders in an Access Scheme.

ASL has updated the Access Fee Guidelines, Access Fee Determination and Access Fee Calculator to provide further clarity to NSW electricity customers and potential Access Right Holders in CWO REZ.

This document sets out a high-level summary of the key changes between the April 2024 and current versions of the Access Fee Guidelines, Access Fee Determination and Access Fee Calculator. It does not identify all changes to those documents that may be relevant to NSW electricity customers and potential Access Right Holders. Reference should be made to the current versions of the documents to identify the detailed changes that have been made to the previously published versions.

The revised positions reflect the expected approach to CWO REZ Access Fees, however the Consumer Trustee has not yet formally set Access Fees for CWO REZ, and the Access Fee Guidelines, Access Fee Determination and Access Fee Calculator remain subject to the Consumer Trustee's discretion.

Access Fee Guidelines

Summary of key changes:

- Further detail provided around Variation Events including the Centralised System Strength (CSS) Fee Reduction Event, the Hub to Project (H2P) capex change and asset sharing events, and Payment Delay Event.
- The CSS Fee Reduction Event provides a methodology that enables Access Right Holders to seek a reduction to their CSS Fees via self-remediation of system strength costs.

Access Fee Determination

Summary of key changes:

- Updated drafting to improve clarity and precision.
- Clauses added to address the possibility of errors in, and inconsistency between, the Access Fee Determination and the Access Fee Calculator.
- The removal of the CSS Capex Change and Scheme Term Extension as Variation Events. A new Access Fee Determination will be made if the Access Scheme Term were to be extended.
- Inclusion of the CSS Fee Reduction Event and Payment Delay Event as Variation Events.
- Clarification that except for an Approved Maximum Capacity Change Variation Event, variations to Access Fees under Variation Events may only occur for Variation Events notified or confirmed before the Payment Term Start Date.

Access Fee Calculator

Summary of key changes:

- Inclusion of Variation Events to align with the Access Fee Determination, enhancing the functionality of the Access Fee Calculator over the term of the Access Scheme.
- Improved user instructions and refined navigation for improved usability.
- Resolution of issues identified during the QA process along with implementation of integrity checks to strengthen the model's robustness.

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Access fees – worked example

Example: The Community and Employment element of the access fee is \$1000 per MW per year.

For a 250MW project (solar, wind, battery or pumped hydro), the C+E element of the fees would be:

$250 \times \$1000 = \$250,000$ per year contribution to the Community and Employment Program

This would be paid quarterly, every year from when the project is operational until the end of the access scheme. We are proposing the access scheme runs for 25 years from Gazettal.

Please note – this example is illustrative to explain how the Community and Employment element would be calculated and not intended to suggest what an access fee may be.

Community and Employment Benefits Program

- EnergyCo will conduct targeted community consultation to ensure the Program delivers meaningful outcomes for affected communities.
- Every Community and Employment Benefits Program is unique to each REZ
- We will consult with communities and councils to shape the program around local needs and priorities. This helps us design funding approaches that suit each region
- The consultation process may include workshops, information sessions, webinars, drop-in sessions and surveys.
- We will engage closely with the Regional Reference Group to test ideas and refine the approach



HCC REZ Generation and Storage Pipeline



There is 2.7 GW of generation and 10.9 GW of storage investment interest from projects being developed within the REZ, that if connected, may be subject to a proposed Access Rights Regime or Access Control Mechanism .



0.79 GW Solar



1.91 GW Wind



10.94 GW Standalone Storage



2.04 GW Hybrid Storage (behind-the-meter)

13.64 GW nameplate generation + storage capacity

This is notwithstanding that changes to individual project’s viability are a normal part of renewable energy development and AEMO’s 2025 GIO found an attrition rate of 7.2 % for projects in pre-development, 10% for projects in development, and 1% for projects in construction or commissioning.

While some projects may discontinue progress, EnergyCo continues to receive enquiries from developers for new projects on a regular basis.

Number of Projects in Development per LGA			
LGA	Solar	Wind	Storage
Central Coast	1	0	3
Cessnock	0	0	3
Lake Macquarie	0	0	2
Muswellbrook	4	0	9
Newcastle	0	0	2
Port Stephens	0	0	1
Singleton	1	2	4
Upper Hunter	0	1	1

Generation Pipeline inside the HCC REZ

Project	Developer	LGA	Technology	Generation (MW)	Hybrid Storage (MW)	Planning Status
Vales Point Solar Project	Delta Electricity, Samsung C&T	Central Coast	Solar	55	0	Approved
Denman Renewable Energy Hub (Upper Hunter)	Metlen	Muswellbrook	Solar PV Hybrid	90	30	Response to Submissions
Edderton Solar Farm	Malabar Resources	Muswellbrook	Solar PV Hybrid	350	350	Received SEARs
Kayuga Solar Farm	Dawn Renewables,	Muswellbrook	Solar PV Hybrid	100	50	Received SEARs
Maison Dieu Solar Farm	AGL Energy	Singleton	Solar PV Hybrid	60	40	RTS submitted
Muswellbrook Solar Farm	OX2, Idemitsu Australia	Muswellbrook	Solar PV Hybrid	135	150	Approved
Bowmans Creek Wind Farm	Ark Energy	Singleton	Wind	335	0	Approved
Llama Wind Farm	CleanGen	Singleton	Wind Hybrid	1500	1500	Not commenced
Upper Hunter Energy Park	Maven Renewable Energy	Upper Hunter	Wind	75.6	0	Approved

Storage Pipeline inside the HCC REZ

Project	Developer	LGA	Technology	Storage (MW)	Storage (MWh)	Planning Status
Awaba BESS	AGL Energy	Lake Macquarie	BESS	50	100	Approved
Bells Mountain BESS	Edify Energy	Muswellbrook	BESS	750	1500	Preparing EIS
Beresfield BESS	AGL Energy	Newcastle	BESS	170	340	Approved
Bowmans Creek Wind Farm (BESS)	Ark Energy	Singleton	BESS	250	2000	Preparing MOD Report
Brandy Hill BESS (Evolution)	Evolution Energy	Port Stephens	BESS	186	620	Preparing EIS
Denman BESS (Metlen)	Metlen (Mytilineos)	Muswellbrook	BESS	2400	4800	Response to submissions
Gelston Energy Park (BESS)	Ascera Energy	Muswellbrook	BESS	400	1600	Preparing EIS
Hunter Vanadium Flow Battery	Idemitsu	Muswellbrook	BESS	108	864	Scoping Report submitted
Kiar BESS	BID Energy Partners	Central Coast	BESS	1000	4000	Preparing EIS
Kurri Kurri BESS	Ausgrid	Cessnock	BESS	200	800	Preparing EIS
Maison Dieu/Knodlers Lane BESS	Power Grid Engineering	Singleton	BESS	500	TBC	Not commenced
Mayfield BESS	Akaysha Energy	Muswellbrook	BESS	2000	8000	Not commenced
McCullys Gap (Muswellbrook PRO) BESS	Penso Power (BW ESS)	Muswellbrook	BESS	400	1000	Preparing EIS
Munmorah BESS	Neoen	Central Coast	BESS	900	8000	Not commenced
Muswellbrook BESS	AGL Energy	Muswellbrook	BESS	150	300	Approved
Rathmines BESS	Ausgrid	Lake Macquarie	BESS	120	480	Not commenced
Rothbury BESS	Plus GS	Cessnock	BESS	135	540	EIS submitted
Steel River East BESS	Plus GS	Newcastle	BESS	200	400	Approved
Sunshine Estate BESS	Avenis Energy	Cessnock	BESS	120	480	SEARs issued
Upper Hunter BESS	North Harbour Clean Energy	Upper Hunter	BESS	400	800	Preparing EIS
Vales Point BESS	Delta Electricity, Samsung C&T	Central Coast	BESS	400	800	Preparing EIS
Warkworth BESS	Verdant Earth Technologies	Singleton	BESS	100	800	Not commenced
Glenbawn Dam PHES	AGL Energy	Upper Hunter	Pumped Hydro	770	7700	Not commenced
Glennies Creek PHES	AGL Energy	Singleton	Pumped Hydro	620	6200	Not commenced
Mt Arthur PHES	Acciona Energy	Muswellbrook	Pumped Hydro	1710	15390	Not commenced
Muswellbrook (Bells Mountain) PHES	AGL Energy	Muswellbrook	Pumped Hydro	500	4000	Preparing EIS

Hunter Transmission Project

Stephanie Lewis & Kelly Carbery

HTP – Engagement Update

Strong community awareness and informed engagement, with conversations focused on local jobs, delivery impacts and the future energy transition

Community Pop-ups May - June



754

community conversations



12 days

of pop-up displays, 5 locations across the Hunter

Muswellbrook, Singleton, Cessnock, Morisset and Newcastle

NAIDOC Week community engagement July



1585

community conversations



6 NAIDOC events

Cessnock, Newcastle, Maitland, Kurri Kurri and Muswellbrook

- Kiray Putjung Aboriginal Corporation NAIDOC Family fun Day
- Newcastle Awabakal NAIDOC Festival
- Mindaribba LALC Family Fun Day
- Wanaruah NAIDOC Community family Fun Day
- Kurri Kurri Community Services NAIDOC
- Transgrid Newcastle Depot NAIDOC

What's next for the HTP

Conditions of Approval

- Move to detailed design phase of the project
- Meet all post approval requirements
- Early works (access tracks and construction support sites)
- Commence construction (mid-2027)

Award D&C contract and Appointing Network Operator

- EnergyCo are continuing to coordinate with Transgrid to facilitate transition planning and future delivery requirements
- D&C contract is close to being awarded
- Transgrid is the preferred Network Operator for the Hunter Transmission Project
- EnergyCo remains the Infrastructure Planner and Project Proponent responsible for project planning, approvals and oversight
- Transgrid, when formerly appointed by the Minister, will be responsible for delivering the project, managing the D&C contractor and the ongoing operation and management of the transmission infrastructure

Other priority issues

Social Impact Management (SIM) Plan

- We have heard your feedback, captured your insights and are revisiting our approach to ensure the best possible outcomes for the region

Community Employment Benefit Program (CEBP)

- Waiting for final approvals before consultation and engagement commences
- Important to note the Hunter wide CEBP, for both the HTP and HCC REZ, is in addition to a proposed access scheme currently under consultation for the HCC REZ

SODA

- Update by Kelly Carbery Manager Strategic Projects, DCCEEW

Hunter Transmission Project - Strategic Offset Delivery Agreement

July 2026

Planning, Offsets, Threatened Species and Ecosystems

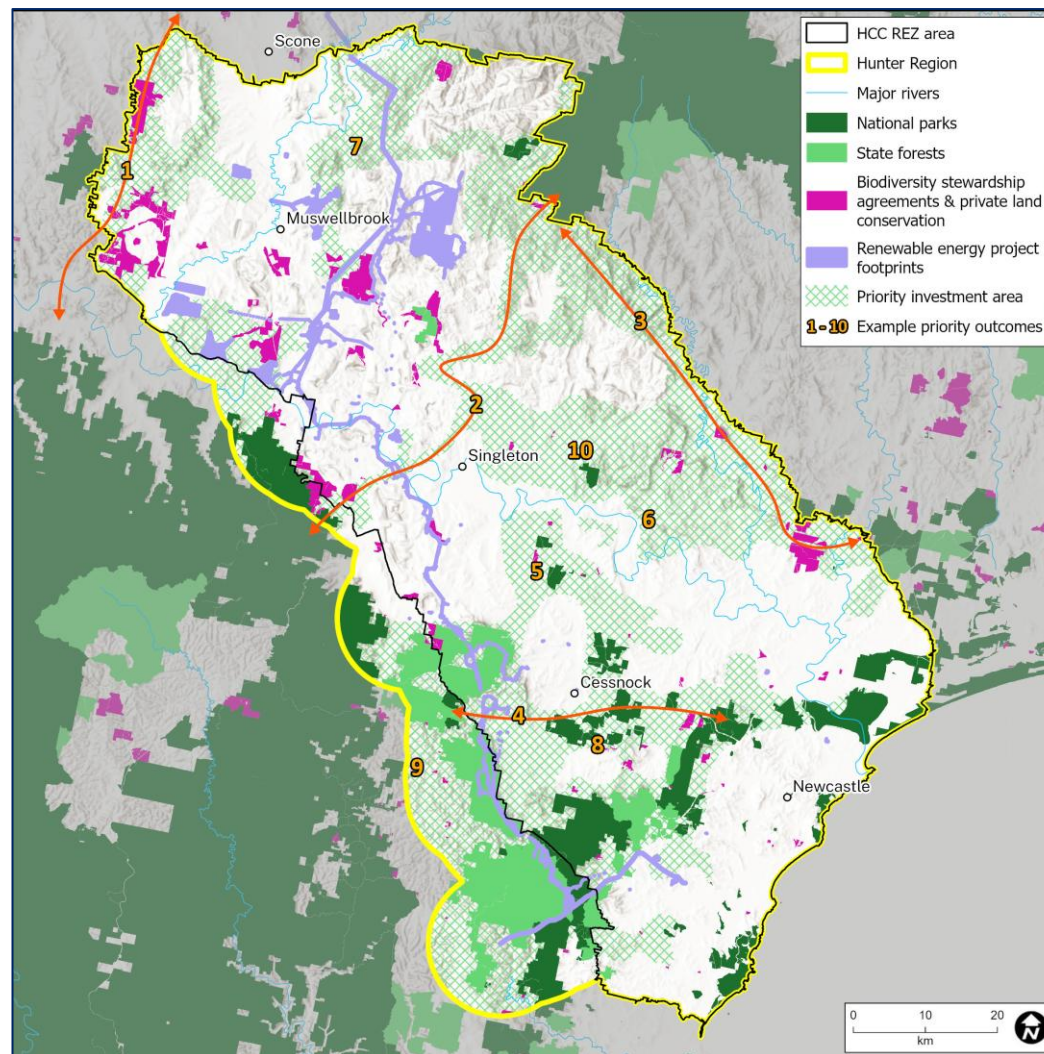
Coordinating investment to optimise outcomes

Priorities:

- ✓ Connect vegetation & habitat
- ✓ Large-scale restoration effort
- ✓ Targeted species recovery projects
- ✓ Landscape scale threat management

Implementation:

- Strategic offset delivery agreements
- Existing conservation programs
- Partnerships with community, landholders and Aboriginal people
- Future nature markets



Strategic Offset Delivery Agreements (SODAs)

A legally binding agreement between a **renewable energy proponent** and the **Environment Agency Head** for an agreed amount of funding.

Enables the project to **meet offset obligations immediately** on signing.

Offsets are delivered by government within 3 years through:

- **retirement of biodiversity credits**
- **targeted conservation actions** aligned with regional priorities.

All delivery is consistent with the **Biodiversity Offsets Scheme** and regional **Conservation Investment Strategies**.

Offsets delivered under a SODA



No discounting

The SODA must deliver equivalent or better outcomes



Like for like

Offsets will directly benefit impacted entities



Strategic

Offsets will contribute to regional conservation priorities



Acquire land

Acquire land and establish BSAs to generate biodiversity credits



Buy credits

Buy credits from the market at competitive prices



Partnerships

Targeted recovery projects to create on-ground outcomes

Transparency in offset delivery

Register of strategic offset delivery agreements

Under clause 9.8A of the Biodiversity Conservation Regulation 2017, the department must maintain a register of strategic offset delivery agreements the Environment Agency Head has entered into, in addition to quarterly reports on progress and expenditure.

Strategic offset delivery agreements

About strategic offset delivery agreements

Notice of intention to enter into a strategic offset delivery agreement

Conservation investment strategies

Register of strategic offset delivery agreements

Agreements entered into under the Biodiversity Conservation Regulation 2017

Central West Orana Transmission Project Strategic Offset Delivery Agreement

- Name of proponent: Energy Corporation of NSW
- Date executed: 9 September 2025
- Offset acquittal date: 30 June 2026
- [Strategic Offset Delivery Agreement](#)

Contact us

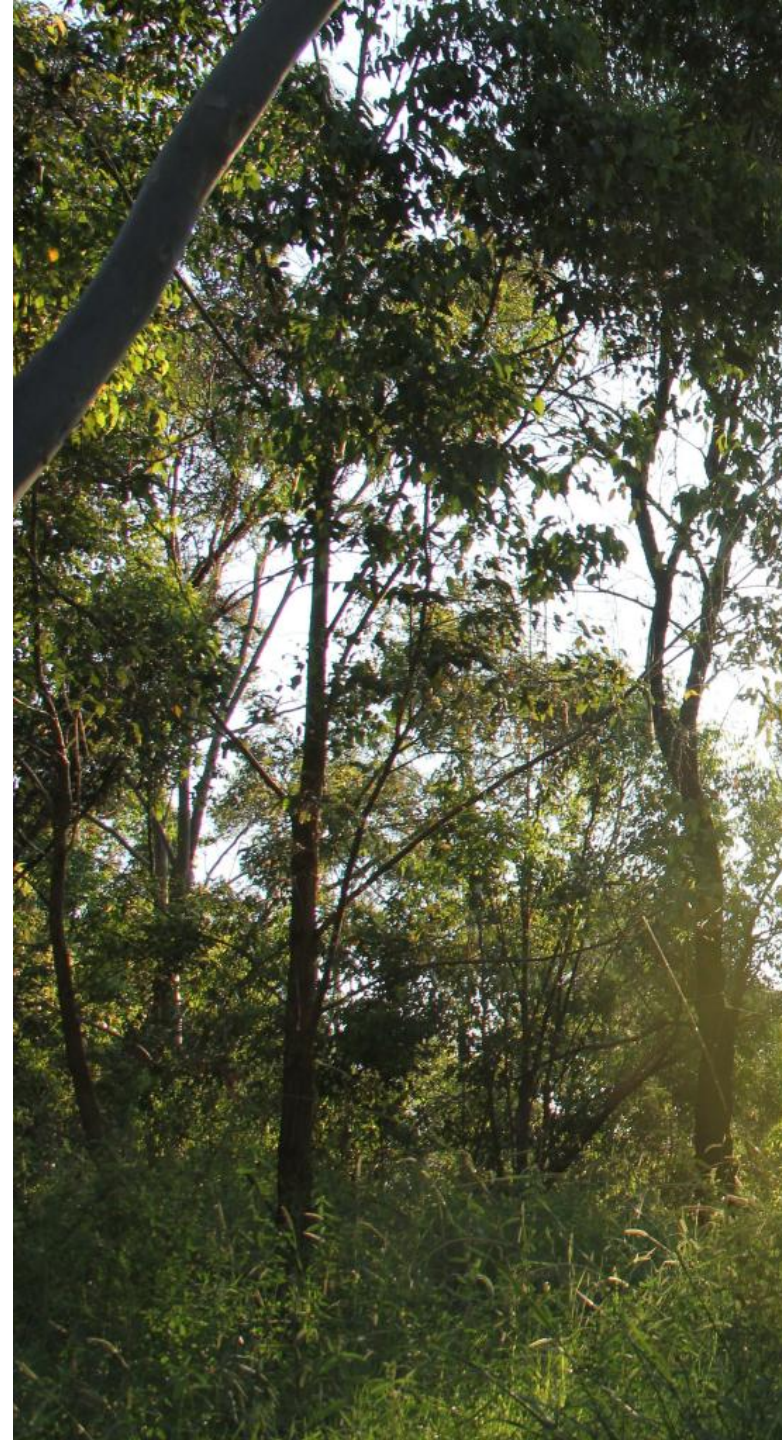
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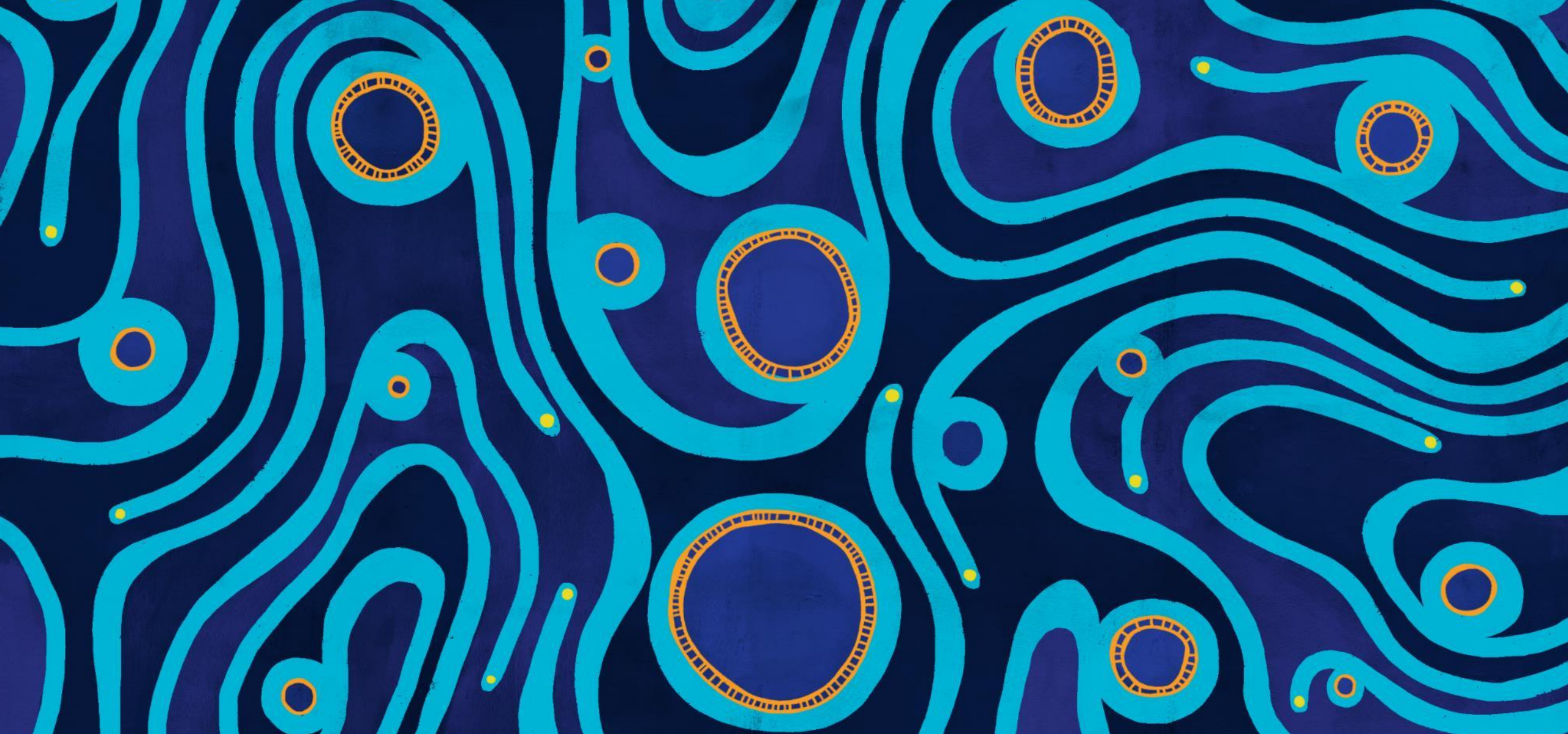
Planning for implementation

- New EOIs for the Stewardship Support Program
- Reviewing community input
- Reviewing credit purchase opportunities
- New partnerships to implement conservation actions
- Strategy due for review in September



AGL Operations and Future Plans in the Hunter

Rob Cooper



AGL founded in 1937 ... second company listed on ASX



Join the change

Proudly Australian with more than 187 years:

- From lighting the **first gas streetlamp in Sydney in 1841** to helping shape a sustainable energy future for Australia.
- AGL operates Australia's **largest private electricity generation portfolio** within the National Electricity Market, comprising coal and gas-fired generation, renewable energy sources such as wind, hydro, batteries and other firming and storage technology.
- Supplies **4.6 million energy and telecommunications customer services** including electricity and gas to residential, business and wholesale customers and the retailing of broadband and mobile services.



Powering Australian life through our strategy delivery



Join the change

Connecting every customer to a sustainable future

Helping our customers decarbonise the way they live, move and work

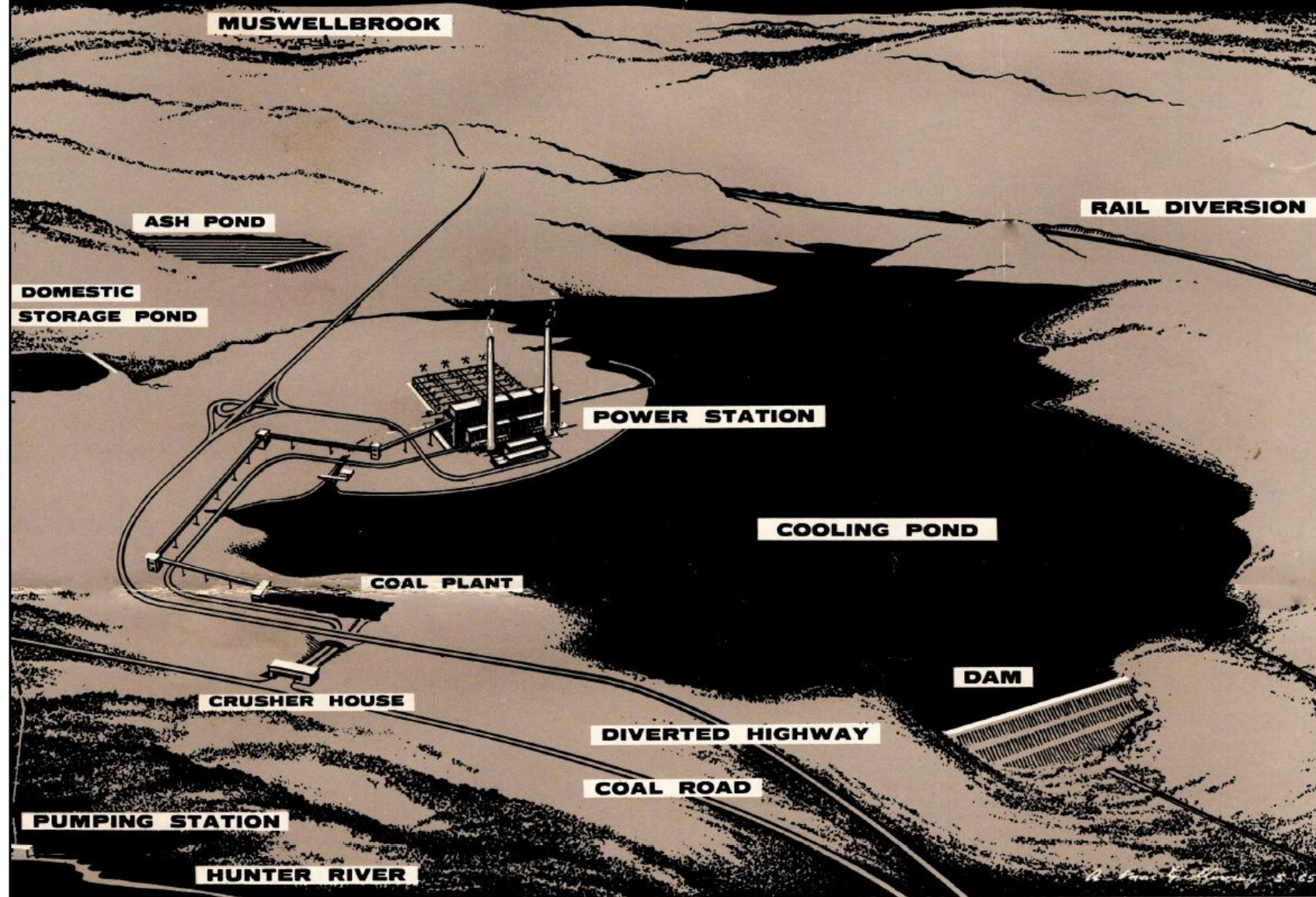


Transitioning our energy portfolio

Ambition to add 12 GW of new renewable and firming capacity by the end of 2035, and seek options to accelerate where possible



LIDDELL POWER PROJECT



Liddell Power Project

Artist's impression from 1964

Bayswater Power Station

Construction early 1980s



Bayswater & Liddell Power Stations

Australia’s largest generation site for over 50 years – NSW Hunter Valley



	Bayswater	Liddell <i>(Closed – in demolition)</i>
Capacity	2,640 MW (+ 25MW / unit upgrades)	2,000 MW
Commissioned	1985-86	1971-73
Retirement	2033 (48 years operation)	2023 (52 years operation)
Fuel type	Black coal	Black coal
% of NEM	7% approx.	5% approx.
Annual coal use	8Mt/pa approx.	4Mt/pa approx.

Liddell Power Station

- Closed 28 April 2023
- Over 50 years operation



Liddell Battery

- \$750m investment
- 500MW 2 hour battery
- In operation by mid-2026

Hunter sites and projects

- Newcastle Gas Storage Facility
- Tomago Battery 500MW
(in construction)
- Muswellbrook Battery
- Beresfield Battery
- Awaba Battery
- Muswellbrook Pumped Hydro
- Upper Hunter Hydro

Hunter Energy Hub

AGL is developing Integrated Energy Hubs, underpinned by four fundamental principles



Brings together
industry and
renewable energy



Creates jobs &
community
benefits



Supports
decarbonisation &
supply chains



Underpinned by
circular economy
principles

Hunter Hub - NSW

Torrens Island Hub - SA

Latrobe Hub - VIC



AGL's Hunter Energy Hub: Enabling Government priorities and a successful regional transition



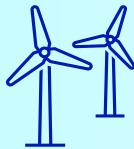
Unlocking nationally significant industrial precincts



Large scale water infrastructure



Advantageous grid connection



Pipeline of renewables and firming



Catalyst for regional diversification, leveraging the local skilled industrial workforce

Indicative Vision Hunter Energy Hub

2022 to 2030

Landholding - 10,000ha

Legend

Industrial Land

Agricultural Land



Rail access / Bulk goods movement to and from site



Transmission connection points



Industrial cooling infrastructure

Hunter River Pumping Station

Hunter River

Muswellbrook

A15 New England Highway

Ash Dam Precinct



Agriculture



Solar Generation



Proposed Muswellbrook Pumped Hydro
Approx 400MW

Great Northern Rail Line

Infrastructure Corridor

Ravensworth Agricultural Precinct



Protected Intensive Agriculture



Agriculture

Bayswater Ash Precinct



Ash products

Bayswater Entrance Precinct



Refuelling



Data Centres



Battery Storage

Southern Agricultural Precinct



Protected Intensive Agriculture



Agriculture

Antiene Precinct



Hydrogen Production



Low Carbon Chemicals



Advanced Manufacturing



Solar Generation



Agriculture



Protected Intensive Agriculture

Liddell Core Precinct



Hydrogen Production



Green Metals



Data Centres



Battery Storage

Liddell South Precinct



Green Cement



Green Glass



Advanced Manufacturing



Paper & Pulp



Food & Beverage



Solar Generation

Composting Facility
In operation

Composting Facility
In operation

Sydney
233km

Newcastle Port
110km

Google Earth

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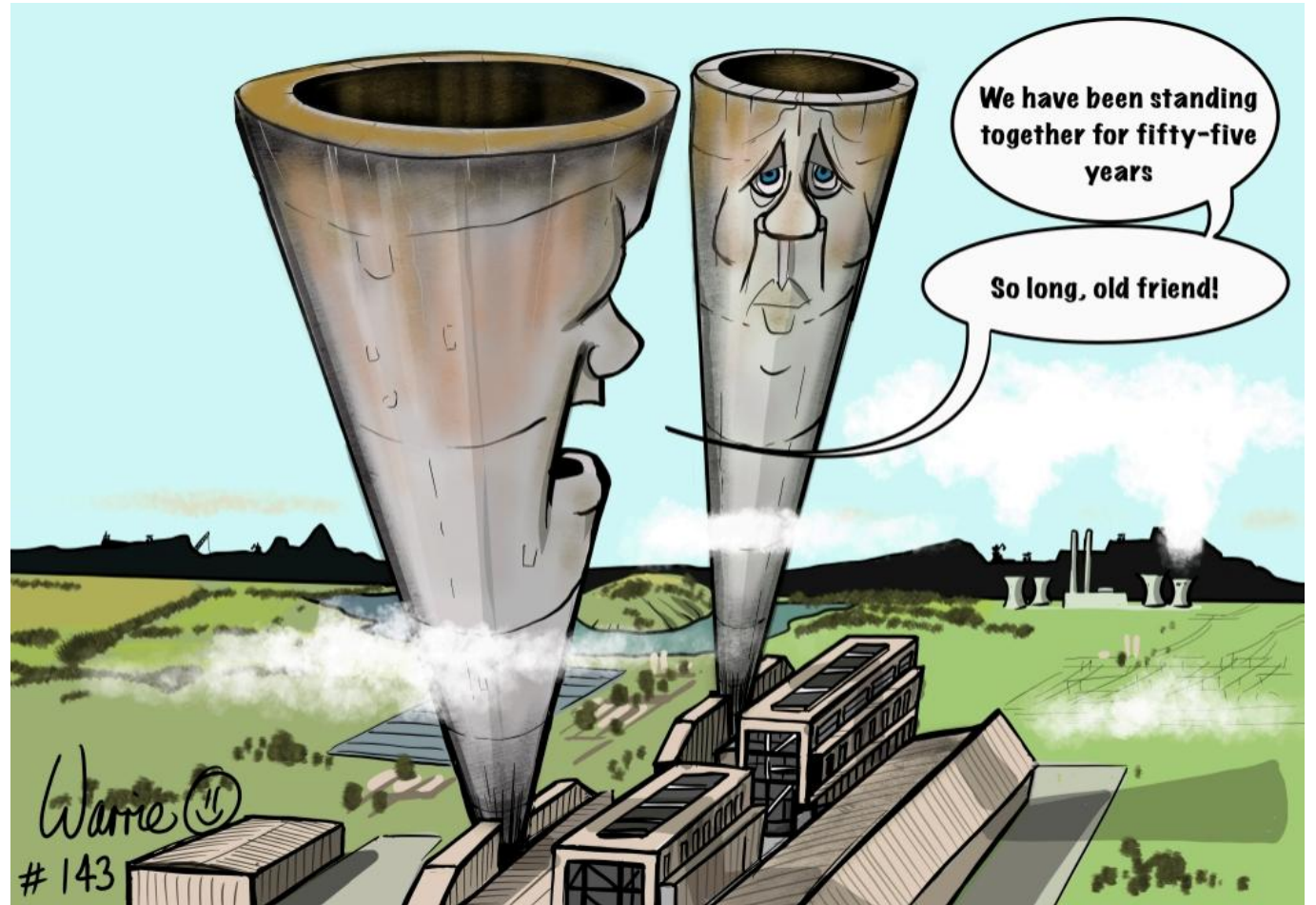
Liddell Demolition



Liddell Stack Demolition



- Over 33,000 views of stack demolition live stream
- 250 attendees at Muswellbrook RSL Club 'Live Site' (former Liddell employees)



Credit: Hunter River Times

Liddell Stack demolition

The morning after ...



AGL Community Power





Join the change

AGL Community Power projects



AGL Community Power Plants "VPPs"

Tenants receive an exclusive 20-30% discounted electricity tariff and backup power, enabled by Rooftop Solar and Home batteries.



Community batteries plans

Tenants receive an exclusive discounted electricity tariff, enabled by the Community Batteries.



Community energy tariffs

Discounted electricity for the communities surrounding AGL generation assets.



Maitland Pilot with Hume Housing



Pilot across **19 Hume Community Housing sites** in Maitland Hunter Valley.



AGL has on-boarded 19 customers and installed **solar and battery systems at no cost to the Hume or the tenant.**



Customers who signed up are receiving **30% off the NSW Default Market Offer.**

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Community Partners



AGL Community Partners – Hunter Region

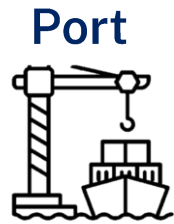


Thank you

Newcastle Logistics Precinct

Adam Noonan

We are delivering enabling infrastructure between the Port of Newcastle and REZ projects



Portside logistics



Port storage requirements



OSOM movements



Journey escorts



Road upgrades

Projects



1 Increasing portside storage

Building logistics and storage infrastructure to store and transfer OSOM & non-OSOM equipment

2 Upgrading road intersections

Upgrading road intersections and pinch points along the State-road network to enable OSOM delivery

3 Optimising OSOM and heavy vehicle operations

Coordinating OSOM and heavy vehicle operations to reduce impacts and improve operational effectiveness

Newcastle Logistics Precinct

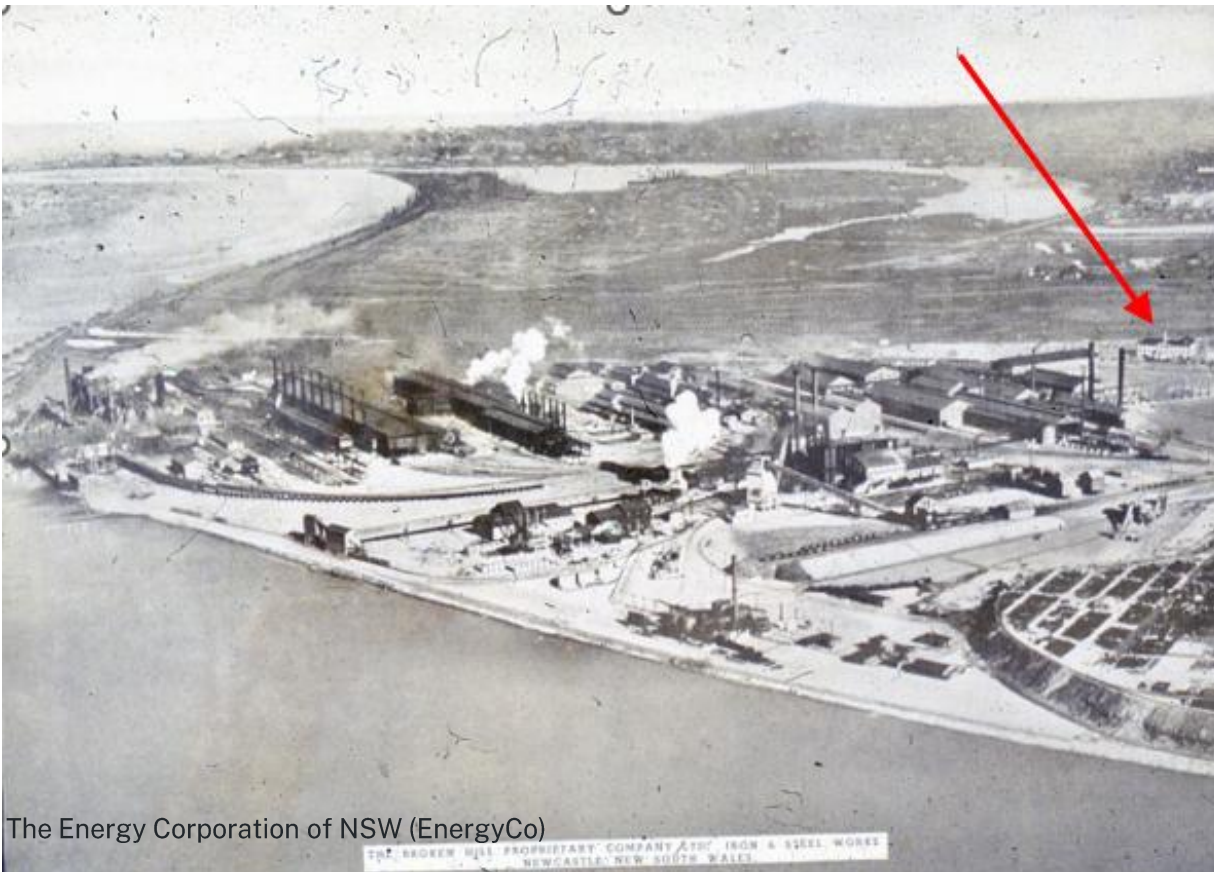
The Newcastle Logistics Precinct will provide critical logistics infrastructure by expanding port-side storage for OSOM equipment and supporting the efficient movement of components from the Port of Newcastle to renewable energy projects



Intertrade site – then and now - credit: AJM photo Andrew James Monger49

Re-purposing the Intertrade site

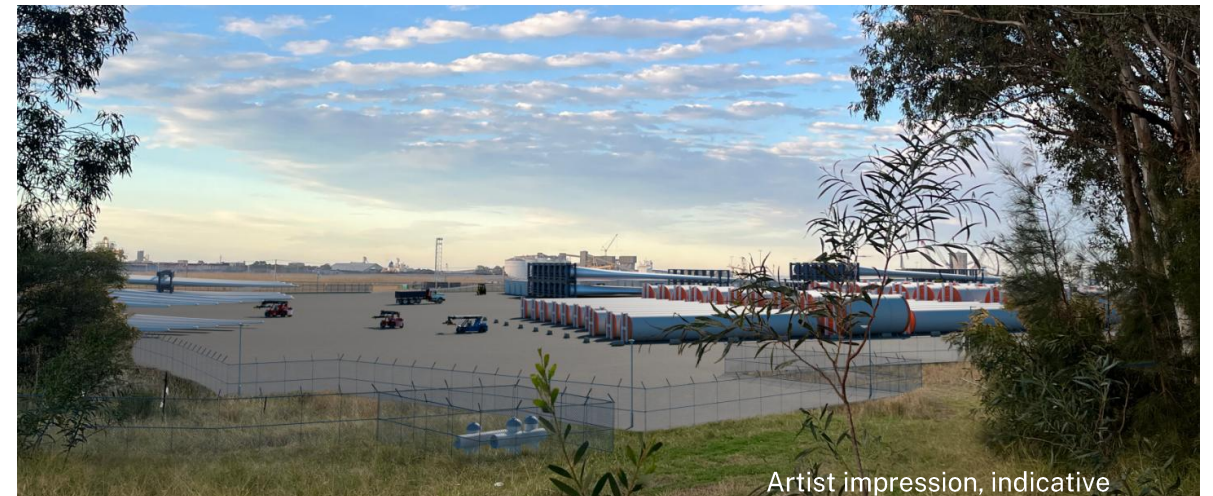
The Intertrade site is the location of the future Newcastle Logistics Precinct. Repurposing the site, which has been vacant since steelworks operations ceased, to a logistics hub, is a new and important chapter in Newcastle's industrial history.



The site is part of an area referred to as the 'Closure Area', which operated as a copper smelter and the BHP Steelworks from the late 1800s until the late 1990s.

Following remediation works undertaken between 2016 to 2018, the declaration of the site as 'significantly contaminated land' ended.

The site remains subject to an Ongoing Maintenance Order issued by the NSW EPA and is considered suitable for commercial and industrial use.



Artist impression, indicative

Newcastle Logistics Precinct project

The Newcastle Logistics Precinct will provide critical logistics infrastructure by expanding port-side storage for OSOM equipment and supporting the efficient movement of components from the Port of Newcastle to renewable energy projects



The Energy Corporation of NSW (EnergyCo) – Artist impression, indicative only

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Progress Update

- To be developed on the 52-hectare government-owned Intertrade site next to the Port of Newcastle lease area.
- Will include a new hardstand area, upgraded access roads and new supporting infrastructure.
- \$115 million NSW Government investment announced in June 2025.
- EIS exhibition is starting on 30th July for 28 days
- Construction is expected to start in mid 2027 with operational in 2028.

EIS on public exhibition

EIS engagement activities – 30 July to 27 August

What	When
Letterbox drop	6,500 project updates delivered from July 30
Press ads	Appearing in the Newcastle Herald August 2, 5, and 16
Info sessions	Newcastle Thursday 6 August, 5pm to 7pm, Rydges Hotel Stockton Friday 7 August, 5pm to 7pm, Stockton Bowling Club Carrington Saturday 8 August, 10am to 12pm, Carrington Community Centre
Website and e-newsletter	Website updated with five topic fact sheet, project update and EIS summary document – went live 30 July E-newsletter issued on 30 July to 300+ registered stakeholders
Stakeholder briefings	Email inviting key stakeholders including local council, local MPs community groups and port neighbours to have a project briefing



EIS resources



A range of resources have been developed to support the community navigate the EIS, including a project update, EIS summary document, posters and 5 fact sheets.

Guide to the environmental impact statement

Newcastle Logistics Precinct project

July 2026

The Newcastle Logistics Precinct is a proposed storage and logistics facility that will support the delivery of new electricity transmission infrastructure across NSW. It will provide a central location to receive, temporarily store and prepare the large equipment and materials needed to build transmission lines that will connect renewable energy to homes, businesses and industries across the state.

Overview

As NSW transitions to renewable energy, new transmission infrastructure is needed to connect renewable energy zones to the electricity grid. The Newcastle Logistics Precinct will play an important supporting role by improving how large and specialised equipment is received, stored and transported to renewable energy and transmission projects across NSW.

The proposed precinct will be located on the government-owned Intertrade site within the Port of Newcastle lease area. Its direct connection to the Port of Newcastle, the state road network and the Port to REZ route makes it well placed to safely and efficiently receive, store and transport oversized equipment needed for energy infrastructure projects. Activities at the precinct will include receiving, temporarily storing and preparing equipment and materials before they are transported to renewable energy and transmission projects across NSW.

The Intertrade Site next to the Port of Newcastle

By improving how equipment is moved across NSW, the Newcastle Logistics Precinct will help strengthen supply chains, support jobs and industry in the Hunter region, reduce transport complexity and help deliver the critical electricity infrastructure needed to provide reliable, affordable and cleaner energy for NSW.

Newcastle Logistics Precinct Project

Project update

Environmental Impact Statement | July 2026

EnergyCo is building renewable energy zones and upgrading the grid to keep the lights on and unlock clean, affordable energy. The Newcastle Logistics Precinct, a new storage and logistics hub, is needed to support this.

Overview

The Newcastle Logistics Precinct is a critical new hub that will support the delivery of more reliable and affordable renewable energy to homes and businesses across NSW.

EnergyCo will develop the Precinct, ideally located within the Port of Newcastle, adjacent to Industrial Drive to alleviate supply-chain constraints and expand portside storage for vital equipment—including wind turbines and transformers—needed to build renewable energy projects across the state.

The Intertrade Site next to the Port of Newcastle

Equipment will be stored on a newly paved laydown area before being loaded on to vehicles designed to carry oversized overmass equipment. It will then be transported to energy projects using the State-road network, sections of which will be upgraded to deal with these heavy vehicle movements.

The Precinct will streamline delivery and strengthen the supply chain between the Port of Newcastle and renewable energy projects that we need to replace ageing coal-fired power stations.

Site overview

Aerial view

Looking towards Hunter River at the site once operational

Artistic impression, subject to change

Main entrance at Selwyn Street

Artistic impression, subject to change

View from the footpath on Industrial Drive

Artistic impression, subject to change

Traffic and access assessment

Newcastle Logistics Precinct

July 2026

The Newcastle Logistics Precinct will provide storage and logistics capability needed to transport large renewable energy components to Renewable Energy Zones across NSW, supporting the state's transition to renewable energy.

Managing soil contamination and air quality

Newcastle Logistics Precinct

Environmental Impact Statement | Fact Sheet | July 2026

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Assessment of noise and vibration impacts

Newcastle Logistics Precinct

Environmental Impact Statement | Fact Sheet | July 2026

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Overview

The Newcastle Logistics Precinct will be built on the Intertrade site, the location of the former BHP Steelworks at BP Selwyn Street, adjacent to Industrial Drive.

Following the closure of the steelworks, the Intertrade site was covered with a clean physical barrier, referred to as the 'lagging layer' in the late 2010s to contain contaminated soil.

The project has been designed to minimise impacts to the lagging layer.

The Intertrade site was part of the former BHP Steelworks which operated from the early 1970s to 1990s.

The site was remediated between 2016 and 2018 through a process of searching and testing for contamination across the site to make it safe for continued commercial use. The remediation work was approved by the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and the site is now suitable for commercial and industrial use under a Contamination and Remediation Management Plan (CRMP).

Use of the site is still subject to an ongoing monitoring order (OMO) registered by the NSW Environment Protection Authority. The OMO requires EnergyCo to maintain a clean physical barrier over contaminated areas.

Assessment of landscape and visual impacts

Newcastle Logistics Precinct

Environmental Impact Statement | Fact Sheet | July 2026

The Newcastle Logistics Precinct will provide storage and logistics capability needed to transport large renewable energy components to Renewable Energy Zones across NSW, supporting the state's transition to renewable energy.

Scan the QR code for more information.

NSW Government & EnergyCo Social Procurement and Workforce Development

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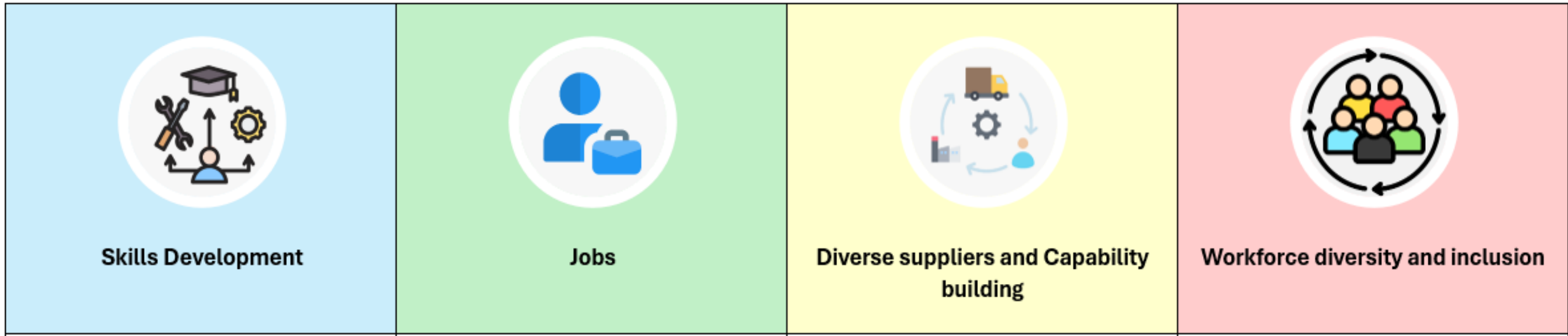


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Social Procurement, Workforce Development and Industry Participation

Social Procurement & Workforce Development (SPWD) Key Focus Areas



- Skills development is building industry skills to enhance productivity and to support current and future workforce demands.
- Jobs is attracting and retaining Local & Regional workforce supporting access to skilled jobs
- Diverse supplier and capability building –increasing opportunities for local and regional business, Aboriginal businesses and suppliers, small and medium enterprises (ANZSMEs), social enterprises, and disability enterprises.
- Workforce diversity and inclusion –creates change by improving diversity and inclusion in the renewable energy infrastructure sector by increasing Aboriginal, youth and female participation, and employment of individuals from other under-represented groups.

Relevant Legislation, Policy & Guidelines

- Electricity Infrastructure Investment Act (objectives)
- Australian Jobs Act (Cth)
- Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth)
- NSW Government Procurement Policy Framework
- NSW Government Principles for Partnership with the Construction Industry
- NSW Procurement Board Direction 2023–01: Skills training and diversity in construction requirements
- NSW Procurement Board Direction 2024-02: Increasing opportunities for local suppliers to supply to government
- NSW Aboriginal Procurement Policy
- NSW Renewable Energy Sector Board Plan
- First Nations Guidelines

Infrastructure Skills Legacy Program (ISLP) & Renewable Energy Sector Board Plan (RESBP) Targets



ISLP		RESB-P Min targets & stretch targets	
20% of the Trades Workforce to be Apprentices	✓	✓	20%-30%
2% of the Trades Workforce to be Women	✓		
Report % of Women in Non-Traditional Roles	✓		
20% of the Project Workforce to be Learning Workers	✓	✓	20%-40%
8% of the Project Workforce to be Young People	✓		
Report on Local Employment Outcomes	✓	✓	60%
15% of the Project Workforce to be from Underrepresented Groups		✓	15%-25%

Industry Participation

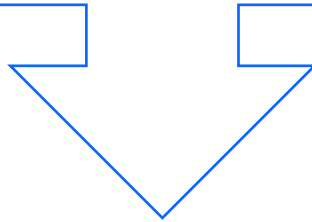
- Maximise opportunities for Local, Regional and Australian ANZ SMEs and Aboriginal businesses
- Packages of work are to be advertised on the ICN Gateway to support fair and reasonable procurement opportunities.
- RESBP-Local supply chain input minimum requirements

Social Procurement, Workforce Development, Diversity & Industry Participation Responsibilities



Network Operator must:

- comply with the Infrastructure Skills Legacy Program (ISLP) mandatory minimum requirements and targets outlined in the RESB Plan
- comply with all relevant social procurement, workforce development, industry and Aboriginal participation project management Plans
- develop, implement, and maintain governance structures, processes and systems that ensure integration of the social procurement and workforce development requirements during the Network Operator's Activities as they apply across the Supply Chain
- maximise opportunities for Australian and New Zealand small and medium enterprises (ANZSMEs) to participate in the supply of goods and services wherever practicable.
- report in accordance with the project reporting requirements



Design and Construction (D&C) contractors must comply with the Network Operators Social Procurement, Workforce Development and Industry Participation requirements under the relevant D&C Contract/s



The Network Operator is **RESPONSIBLE** for all governance, compliance and delivery of Social Procurement, Workforce Development and Industry Participation requirements throughout project duration.

NSW & Hunter Central Coast Jobs Guide

Walter Mansfield



Hunter & Central Coast Renewable Energy Job Guide 2026-2035

Purpose and relevance of the Jobs Guides

- Addresses community employment uncertainty
Clear, trusted information on renewable energy jobs.
- Supports regional workforce transition
Practical pathways from mining, manufacturing, and adjacent industries.
- Aligns skills, training and demand
Linking jobs, qualifications, and education planning.
- A consistent NSW Government message
One source of truth across agencies and regions based on up-to-date data.

Reasons for **positive** sentiment towards the REZ

Job opportunities were the most common reason for positive sentiment across the five REZs, ahead of environmental benefits and the idea of progressing towards sustainable energy.

Central West Orana (CWO)	Hunter Central Coast (HCC)	New England (NE)	South West (SW)	Illawarra (IL)
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A Guide for a once-in-a-generation transition

The NSW Jobs Guide and REZ-by-REZ Guides have been designed to help people navigate workforce opportunities and career pathways in NSW's renewable energy sector.

- Understand how renewable energy projects are planned, built, and operated
- Explore which roles are in demand
- See how skills and qualifications map to real jobs in the sector



Solar farm near Armidale

Stakeholder Consultation



Education and Training	Energy Businesses (Generation, Transmission & Distribution)	Peaks, Government, and associations
Charles Sturt University	Acciona	Aboriginal Affairs
Engineers Australia	Acen Renewables	AEMO Services Limited
National Electrical and Communications Association	ACREZ	Australian Power Institute
Net Zero Ed	Ausgrid	Clean Energy Council
NSW Department of Education	BayWa r.e.	Department of Employment and Workplace Relations
Powering Skills Organisation	Elecnor	First Nations Clean Energy Network
TAFE NSW	Endeavour Energy	Future Jobs Investment Authority
Training Services NSW	Essential Energy	Hi Neighbour
UENSW Industry Training Advisory Body	Green Gravity	Hunter Net
University of New England	Hysata	i3net
University of Newcastle	Lightsource bp	Indigenous Energy Australia
University of Wollongong	Origin Energy	Net Zero Economy Authority
Zeal Futures	Pacific Partnerships	NSW DCCEE RESA
	Potentia Energy	NSW DPIRD
	Someva	RDA Hunter
	Spark Renewables	Rewiring Australia
	Squadron Energy	
	Tilt Renewables	
	Transgrid	
	Zenvion	

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Publication and launch



NSW Jobs Guide and 5x REZ Jobs Guides are being finalised for publication in August

A draft Jobs Guide and Communications Strategy has been shared with key stakeholders

The digitalisation phase of the project will commence upon print publication

Communications approach

1. State wide broad comms

- Amplification across NSW Gov agency channels—including DCCEW, DET, TAFE, DCS and PD
- Distribution/promotion of the guides at councils, libraries, universities

2. REZ specific comms

- Concentrating effort where workforce demand and community interest is highest
- Local opportunities to promote at project information sessions, local careers/education fairs

3. Trusted intermediaries

- Equipping educators, training providers, councils, and industry to amplify comms through the development of stakeholder packs and collateral (flyers, postcards, posters)

4. Visibility of real people and pathways

- Using case studies and storytelling to build credibility and aspiration (videos and stills)



General business

General Business



- Upcoming 2026 RRGs:
 - 2nd November-Cessnock