

Geotechnical Investigations at Laheys Creek in the Central-West Orana REZ

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EnergyCo is delivering the Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) to provide a clean, affordable and reliable power supply for energy consumers across NSW. The REZ will initially deliver up to 4.5 gigawatts (GW) of new network capacity for solar, wind and storage projects.

What are we doing?

Geotechnical investigations will be undertaken at Laheys Creek, near the intersection of Spring Ridge Road and Dapper Road Dunedoo/Cobbora.

The work consists of drilling two (2) boreholes on the northern and southern sides of Laheys Creek (respectively), within the road reserve. The investigations will provide information on the ground conditions which will be used to inform the design of the Central-West Orana REZ transmission project. A map of the work area is supplied on the following pages.

All boreholes drilled will be backfilled and properly reinstated.

The work will start in **early July 2024 and are expected to be completed within 3 to 4 days**, weather permitting. The works will be undertaken with traffic control and protection barriers.

The investigations are in addition to the ongoing geotechnical surveys that have been underway since November 2023. [For more information on the geotechnical surveys, see the November 2023 works notification on the EnergyCo website.](#)

Additional pavement testing investigations are also planned for Spring Ridge Road and Dapper Road in the coming months. This will support initial testing works completed in May 2024. [For more information on the pavement testing investigations, see the March 2024 works notification also on the EnergyCo website.](#)

Work will be carried out by ACEREZ, the preferred Network Operator for the Central-West Orana REZ transmission project. ACEREZ is a consortium comprised of ACCIONA, COBRA and Endeavour Energy.

How will the work affect you?

Vehicles and equipment to be used for the main drilling works include one (1) drill rig and three (3) light vehicles, these works will be supported by additional light vehicles for traffic control.

EnergyCo is committed to minimising disruption to the community.

Work will be carried out between 7am and 6pm, Monday to Friday, and Saturdays 8am to 1pm. There will be no work on Sundays. No drilling works will be conducted outside of these hours, however to ensure site safety, it will be staffed overnight with lighting towers.

Traffic control will be in place with intermittent stopping and a reduced speed limit of 40km/hr in place close to the investigation site. This will only be in place during the work hours and may affect travel times.

Motorists are advised to drive to the conditions, obey signs and traffic control and allow extra travel time during this work. For more information, please contact the project team on the details over the page.
