

Hunter Transmission Project

Project Update

July 2026

The Hunter Transmission Project is a significant piece of NSW's future energy network. It's designed to connect new renewable energy zones, strengthen the existing grid and support a reliable, affordable electricity supply for homes and businesses across the region.

Overview

Planning approval has been granted for the Hunter Transmission Project and Conditions of Approval are now in place.

Following a detailed and independent assessment by the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, The Minister for Planning and Public Spaces has granted planning approval for the Hunter Transmission Project and issued the Conditions of Approval.

The assessment was informed by environmental and technical studies, community and stakeholder feedback, and advice from councils and government agencies.

EnergyCo thanks everyone who took the time to engage throughout the assessment process.



What does planning approval mean?

Planning approval means the project can now move into detailed design and construction planning.

Before construction begins, detailed design, management plans and all pre-construction requirements must be completed.

Conditions of Approval are strict legal requirements issued by the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces as part of the project's approval and set out how the project must be designed, built and operated.

How the project will be delivered

The project will be delivered under a defined model with clear responsibilities.

- **EnergyCo:** Planning, approvals and overall project oversight
- **Network operator:** Detailed design, construction and operation
 - **Design and construction contractors:** Appointed by the Network Operator to deliver construction on the ground.

All parties must comply with the Conditions of Approval.



Team members speaking with the community in the Hunter region

Where to read the approval documents

The Conditions of Approval and associated approval documents are available on the NSW Government Major Projects website at planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects. Search for "Hunter Transmission Project".



How impacts will be managed

The project must follow strict Conditions of Approval that set out how impacts to the community and environment are managed. Detailed management plans will show how impacts will be avoided, reduced and managed. These plans cover activities such as:



Traffic, construction access and road safety



Property impacts and land use



Biodiversity and threatened species



Aboriginal cultural heritage



Noise, visual impacts and amenity



Cumulative impacts and construction staging

For the Hunter Transmission Project, all management plans must be prepared by EnergyCo and formally approved by the New South Wales Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure before any construction can begin. These plans set out how impacts will be managed in accordance with the project's Conditions of Approval.

The NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure reviews each plan and may consult with other relevant government agencies before granting approval, ensuring all requirements are met prior to construction commencing.

What's still being refined and what's confirmed

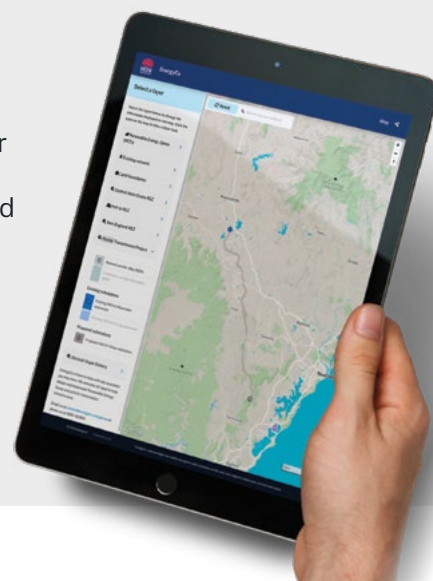
Some things may still change, such as minor design refinements, access tracks and work areas, construction methods, and how work is staged and timed.

However, the overall alignment of the project, the scale of the infrastructure, approved impact limits and the Conditions of Approval are now fixed.

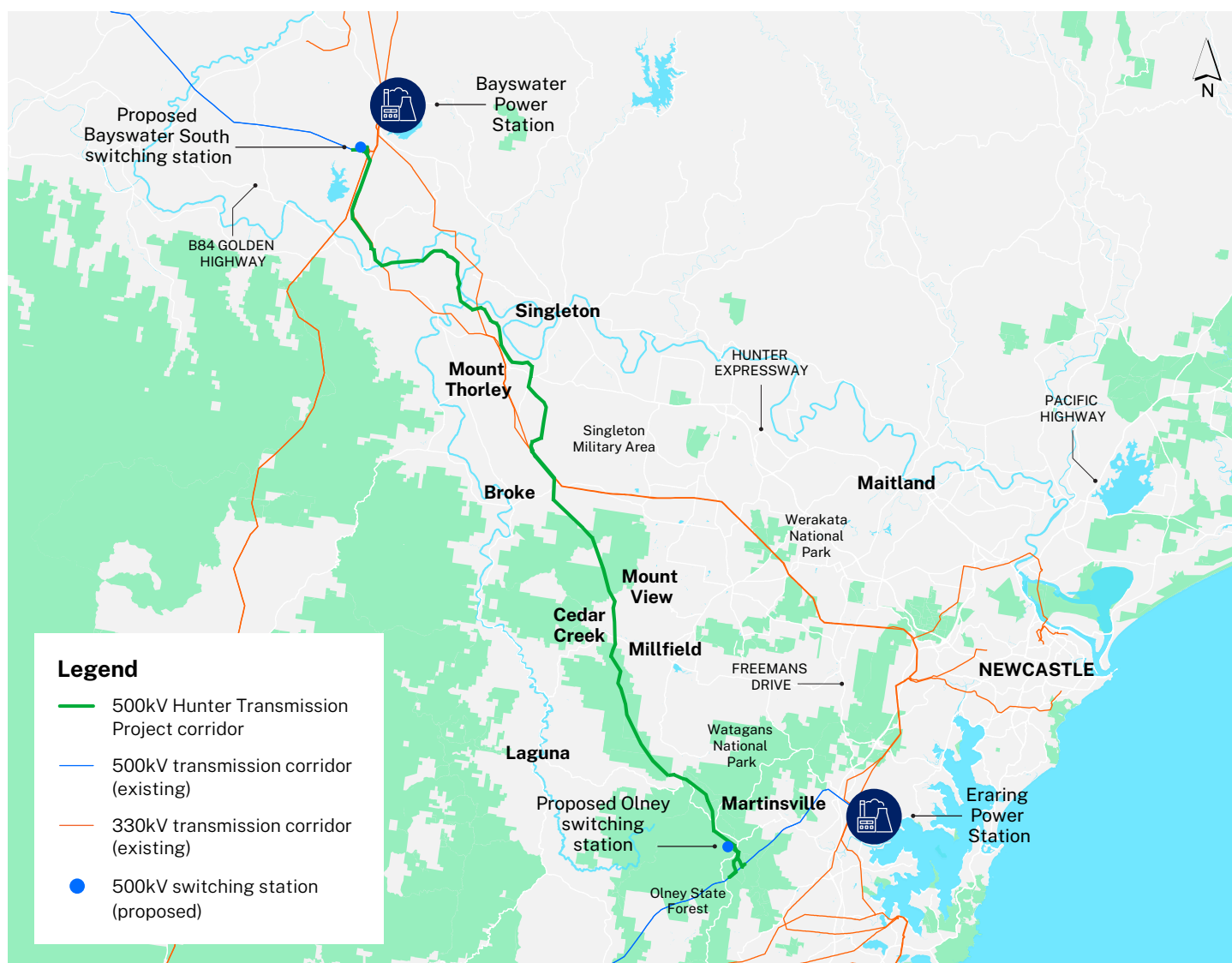
Approved project alignment

The approved alignment for the Hunter Transmission Project remains largely consistent with the alignment assessed during planning and exhibited in the Environmental Impact Statement.

Minor refinements may occur during detailed design; however, the approved alignment and key project parameters are now fixed.



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Find out more and stay updated

There are plenty of ways to learn more about the Hunter Transmission Project and stay up to date as the project progresses.

Fact sheets

We've also developed a range of easy-to-read fact sheets covering topics that we know are important to local communities, including:

- Planning approval
- Traffic and transport
- Biodiversity
- Aboriginal cultural heritage
- Landscape and visual impacts
- Construction support sites and worker accommodation
- Bushfire management
- Noise and vibration.

Online

Visit the Hunter Transmission Project website at energyco.nsw.gov.au/http to access the latest project information and resources, including frequently asked questions and a Project Director video explaining the planning approval and what happens next.

Come and talk to us

You'll also see the Hunter Transmission Project team out and about in the community at local markets, events and other community activities across the project area.

Come and say hello, meet members of the team, ask us questions and find out more about the project and what happens next. Keep an eye on the Hunter Transmission Project website for the latest information on where you can come and speak with us.

What we're working on now

Following planning approval, work is now underway to progress detailed design and prepare for construction. This includes:



Carrying out site investigations



Refining the detailed design



Preparing and approving management plans



Planning construction and early works

This next phase ensures everything is in place before construction begins and that impacts continue to be carefully managed.

Contact us

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