

Port to Renewable Energy Zones construction update

Central-West Orana REZ

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Construction continuing

EnergyCo is continuing construction on the Port to Renewable Energy Zones project, at the intersection of Golden Highway and Vinegaroy Road, Cassilis, and Castlereagh Highway and Barneys Reef Road, Birriwa.

We are delivering upgrades along the State roads network to enable the delivery of oversize over mass (OSOM) equipment needed to build renewable energy zones across NSW and leave improved roads for the whole community.

BMD Constructions will carry out the first stage of work at 19 locations between the Port of Newcastle and Elong Elong, unlocking access to the Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone.

What are we doing?

Work is continuing on the intersection of **Castlereagh Highway and Barneys Reef Road, Birriwa**. To complete the works, Barneys Reef Road has been temporarily closed.

Barneys Reef Road was scheduled to have opened by now, but due to wet weather, it will remain closed **until the end of October 2026, with a detour in place**.

Works at the intersection of Vinegaroy Road and Golden Highway, Cassilis are nearing completion. Traffic control will remain in place **until work is completed in the coming weeks**, for the safety of road users.

We acknowledge the delays at these locations and apologise for the inconvenience.

Work hours and timing

Work hours will be from 7am to 6pm. Work will take place for **10-days on, four days off**, to better manage worker fatigue. Each fortnight, work will start on a Tuesday and finish every second Thursday. Work will occur every second Saturday and Sunday during the 10-day roster.

No construction activity will happen every second Friday through to Monday. To ensure the safety of our crews and motorists, some nighttime work may also occur. If required, nighttime hours will be from **6pm to 7am**.

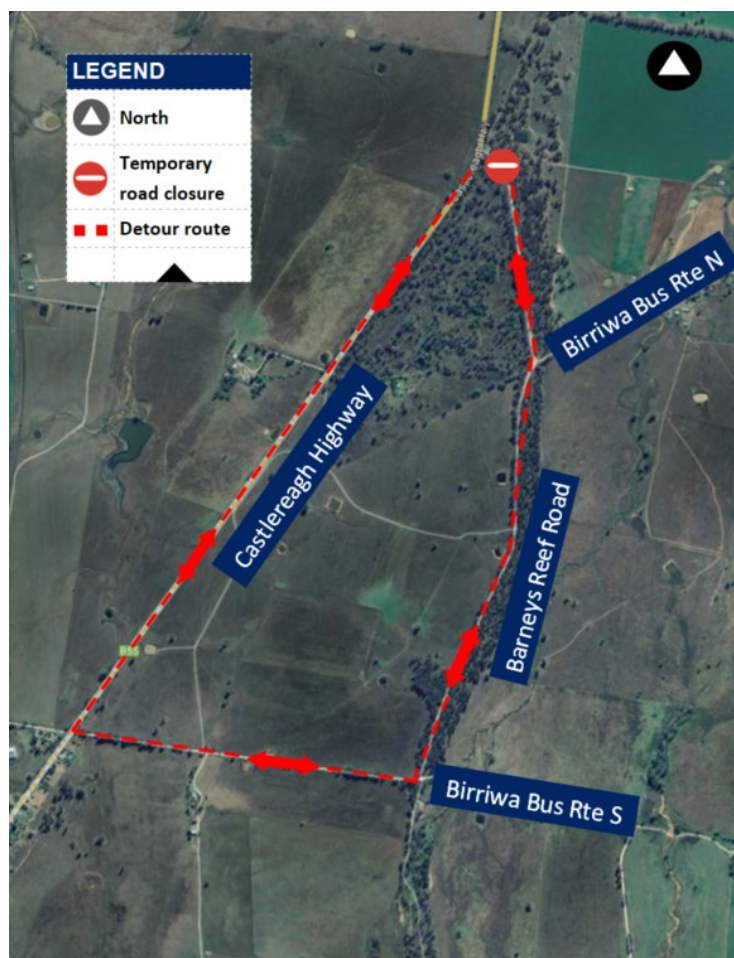
What will this mean for you?

During the works there will be traffic control, temporary lane closures and machinery operating adjacent to, or on the road.

Lane closures will vary as the works progress. Access for road users will be maintained. We will make every effort to minimise noise and vibration impacts by turning off equipment when not in use and monitoring noise.

Please observe speed limits, follow the directions of traffic controllers and signs, plan ahead and allow extra travel time. For the latest updates, visit www.livetraffic.com or call 132 701. Thank you for your patience during this important work.

Detour of Barneys Reef Road



About EnergyCo

The Energy Corporation of NSW (EnergyCo) is a statutory authority responsible for leading the delivery of Renewable Energy Zones (REZs) as part of the NSW Government's Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap. EnergyCo is working closely with communities, investors and industry to deliver the state's first five REZs.

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