

Improving mobile and internet coverage

Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone

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EnergyCo is developing the Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) to keep the lights on across NSW and deliver more affordable, clean and reliable energy to homes and businesses across the state.

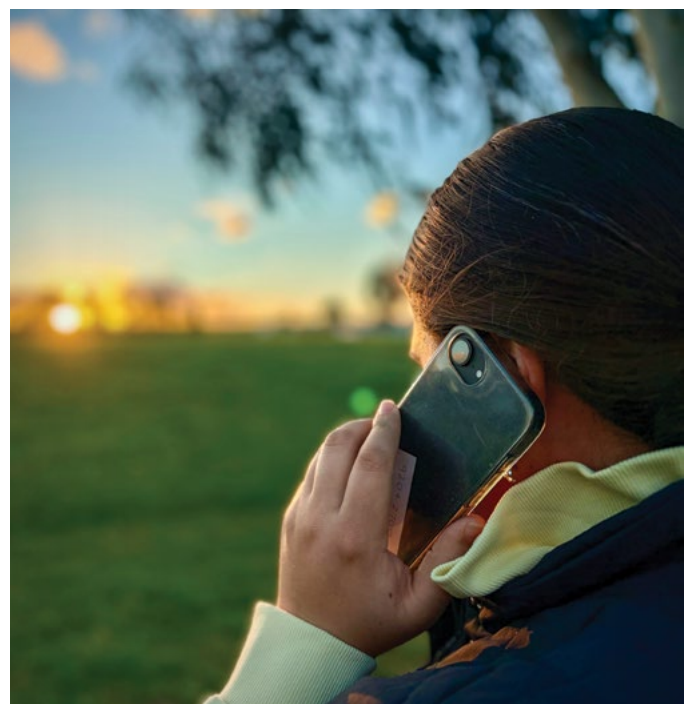
Better connectivity for local communities

The NSW Government is investing \$14.5 million to improve mobile phone coverage and internet connectivity across the Central-West Orana region. The funding will help address mobile blackspots and improve fixed network connectivity for households, farms, businesses and visitors.

What is happening?

The new Telecommunications Infrastructure Uplift Program will provide funding to telecommunications providers to build new infrastructure and upgrade existing networks across the Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone (REZ).

The program is designed to deliver better connectivity in areas where mobile and internet upgrades are often difficult to deliver because of low population density.





What does this mean for the community?

The program is expected to:

- Improve telecommunications coverage across more than 900 square kilometres of the Central-West Orana region.
- Give hundreds of eligible homes, farms and businesses access to improved high-speed internet services.
- Improve mobile phone coverage for thousands of residents, workers and visitors.
- Support safer, stronger and better-connected communities.

Why is this important?

Reliable telecommunications help communities stay connected and support:

- Farmers and primary producers using digital technology to run their businesses.
- Local businesses accessing online services and new opportunities.
- Families connecting with education, health and other essential services.
- Emergency services and first responders communicating when it matters most.

How will the funding be delivered?

Telecommunications providers will be able to apply for grants covering up to 70 per cent of project costs to deliver new or upgraded telecommunications infrastructure. EnergyCo will administer the program in partnership with the NSW Telco Authority. Applications are expected to open in the coming months.

For more information, visit the EnergyCo website: energyco.nsw.gov.au/news/renewable-energy-zone-delivers-145-million-boost-mobile-and-internet-coverage-across-central-west

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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