

# Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone

January 2023 Project Update



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 unlock at least three gigawatts of new transmission capacity from solar, wind and storage projects within the next decade.

## Have your say on community impacts and benefits

EnergyCo is seeking feedback from the community to help inform how we will coordinate impacts and benefits to communities in the REZ. Feedback is invited until **Sunday 12 March 2023**.

All comments received during the consultation period will be summarised in a community feedback report, which is planned to be released in the second quarter of 2023.

## Hear from the EnergyCo team

We will be holding a series of community information sessions in February 2023 so we can provide an update on the recent investigations we have been carrying out to understand the impacts to communities in the Central-West Orana REZ. The sessions will include a presentation from EnergyCo followed by a Q&A discussion.

The information sessions are an opportunity for community members to hear from EnergyCo, ask questions of the project team and provide feedback. Details of the sessions are provided overleaf.

# Community information sessions

A formal presentation will be provided at each of the sessions, so we encourage you to arrive a few minutes early.

## Wellington Soldiers Memorial Club

73 Arthur Street, Wellington NSW 2820  
Tuesday 14 February at 3pm

## Coolah Youth & Community Centre

10-12 Binnia Street, Coolah NSW 2843  
Wednesday 15 February at 4pm

## Gulgong Memorial Hall

112 Herbert Street, Gulgong NSW 2852  
Thursday 16 February at 5pm

## Online webinar

Tuesday 21 February at 4pm

For further details about the webinar, please visit our website at [energyco.nsw.gov.au/cwo](http://energyco.nsw.gov.au/cwo) or get in touch with our team via the details below.

## How to provide feedback

To have your say, you can complete our online survey by visiting [energyco.nsw.gov.au/cwo](http://energyco.nsw.gov.au/cwo). The survey aims to collect feedback about a number of key topics and initiatives for communities in the REZ.

The survey will be open until midnight on Sunday 12 March 2023. It should only take about 10 minutes to complete. All data collected will be managed in line with the NSW Government's privacy policy.

## Transmission project update

### Field investigation work

EnergyCo has been carrying out field work to inform the Environmental Impact Statement for the REZ transmission project since mid-2022, and this work will continue through to mid-2023.

So far we have completed:

- Aboriginal and historic heritage surveys
- ecological spring surveys
- traffic counts on the local and state road network
- a range of consultation activities to inform a Social Impact Assessment for the EIS, including interviews and a landowner survey.

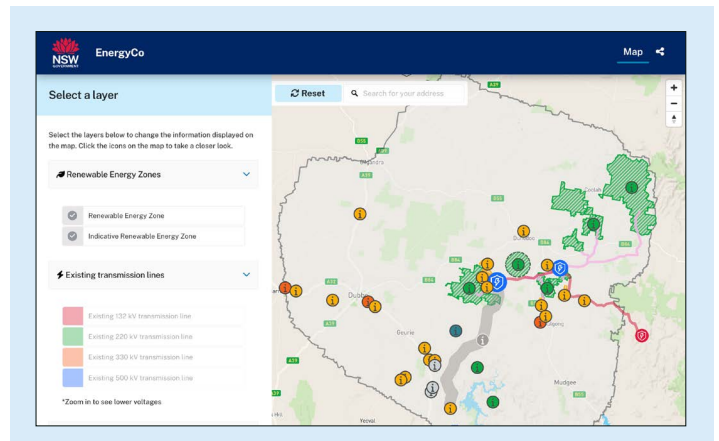
Aboriginal heritage test excavations and archaeological excavations at a small number of properties will continue during early 2023. We plan to carry out ecological summer surveys from February 2023.

We will continue to coordinate with landowners to carry out noise monitoring, visual assessments and agricultural impact assessments. Thank you to the many landowners who have provided property access for these studies.

We will keep the community informed once the EIS is on exhibition and open for submissions in the third quarter of 2023.

## View the corridor

Earlier this year, EnergyCo published an interactive online map which shows key features of the Central-West Orana REZ, including the transmission project study corridor. The map is available to view online at [caportal.com.au/energyco/rez](http://caportal.com.au/energyco/rez) or by following the link on our website.



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