

# 2025 Lookahead

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# Welcome to Country

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Belinda Griffen is a proud Wiradjuri Nguunuaal woman from Wellington NSW.

# Housekeeping

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# Agenda

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1. Welcome to Country Belinda Griffen
2. MC Alexandra Finley, Chief Finance and Operations Officer
3. Introductory video from Paul Binsted, EnergyCo Board Chairperson
4. EnergyCo corporate strategy and overview with Hannah McCaughey, Chief Executive
5. Project updates from Mark Westbrook, Chief Project Officer
6. Community engagement and benefits with Ash Albury, Executive Director Planning & Communities
7. 2025 priorities with Chloe Hicks, Executive Director Strategy and Policy
8. Questions from the audience

# Our leadership team

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**Hannah  
McCaughey**

Chief Executive  
Officer



**Alexandra  
Finley**

Chief Finance and  
Operations Officer



**Ash  
Albury**

Executive Director,  
Planning &  
Communities



**Chloe  
Hicks**

Executive Director,  
Strategy & Policy



**Mark  
Westbrook**

Chief Project  
Officer



**Andrew  
Kingsmill**

Executive Director,  
Technical Advisory  
Services



**Azaria  
Dobson**

Executive Director,  
Project Interface &  
Strategy  
Coordination

# EnergyCo Corporate Strategy

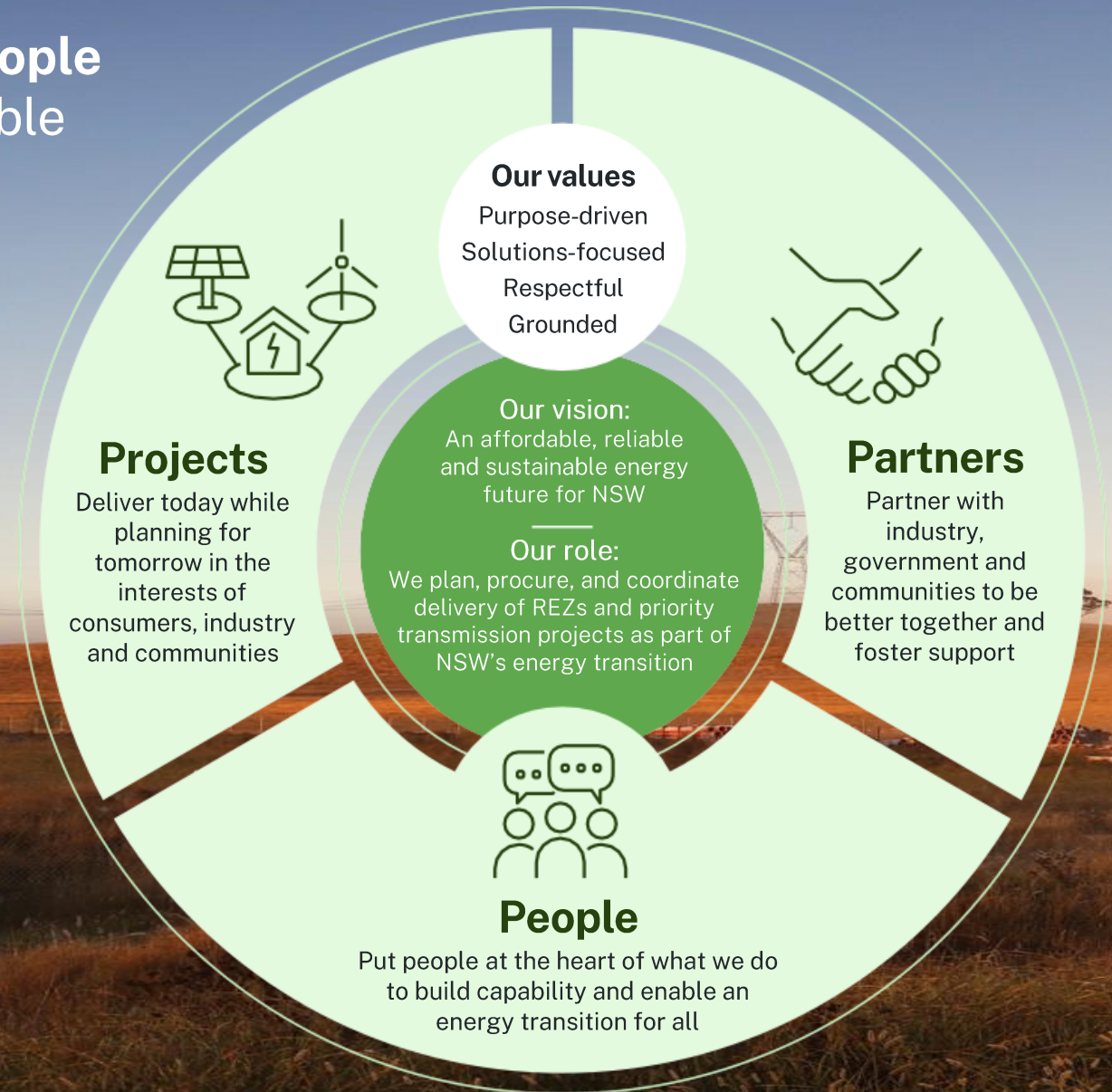
We are focused on **projects, partners, and people** to deliver an affordable, reliable and sustainable energy future for New South Wales

## 2030 goal

Coordinate delivery of network, generation and storage needed to meet legislated renewable energy, energy security and emissions targets

## Beyond 2030

Coordinate delivery of network, generation and storage needed to transition NSW through coal closures and deliver abundant clean energy to power our net zero economy



# Waratah Super Battery

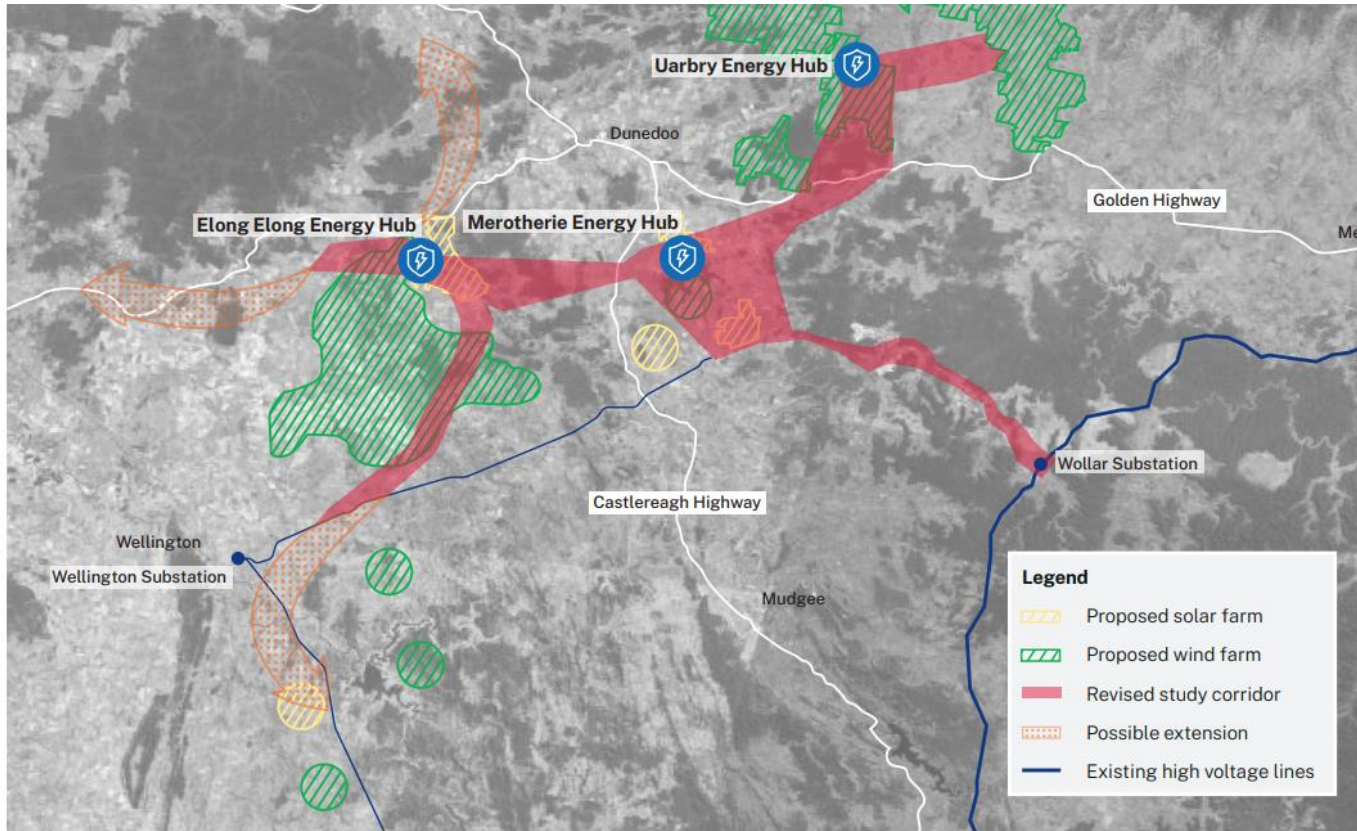


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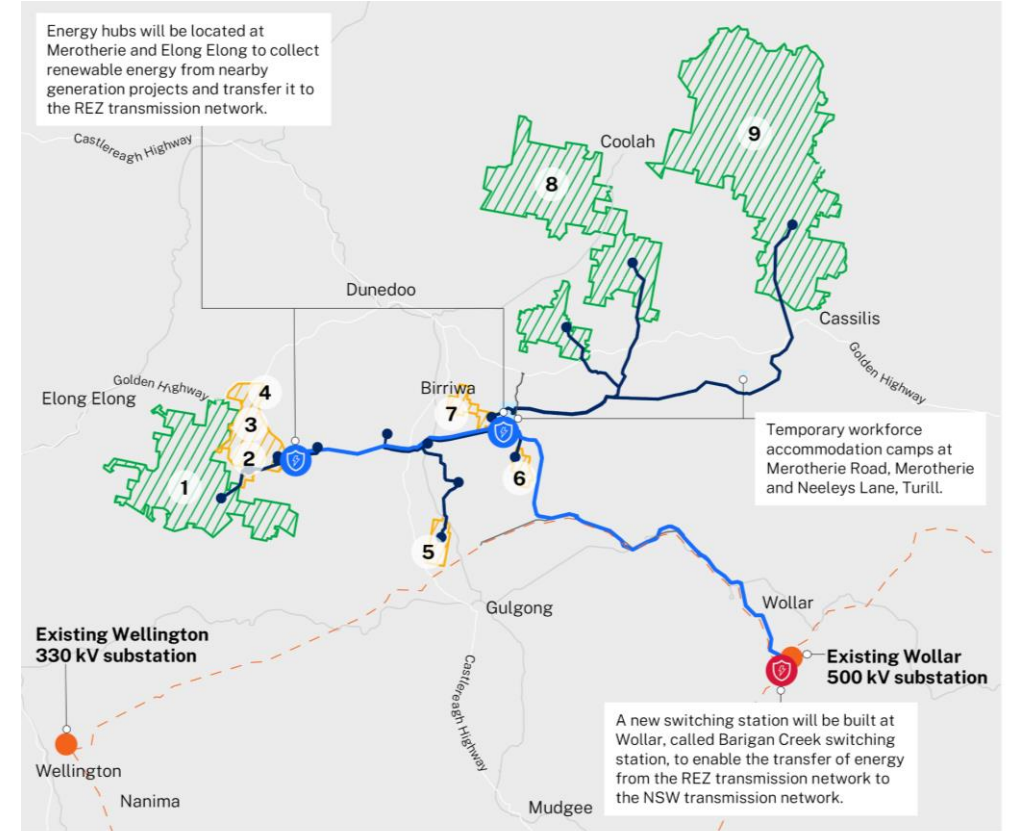


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# Central-West Orana REZ



Revised study corridor  
(February 2022)



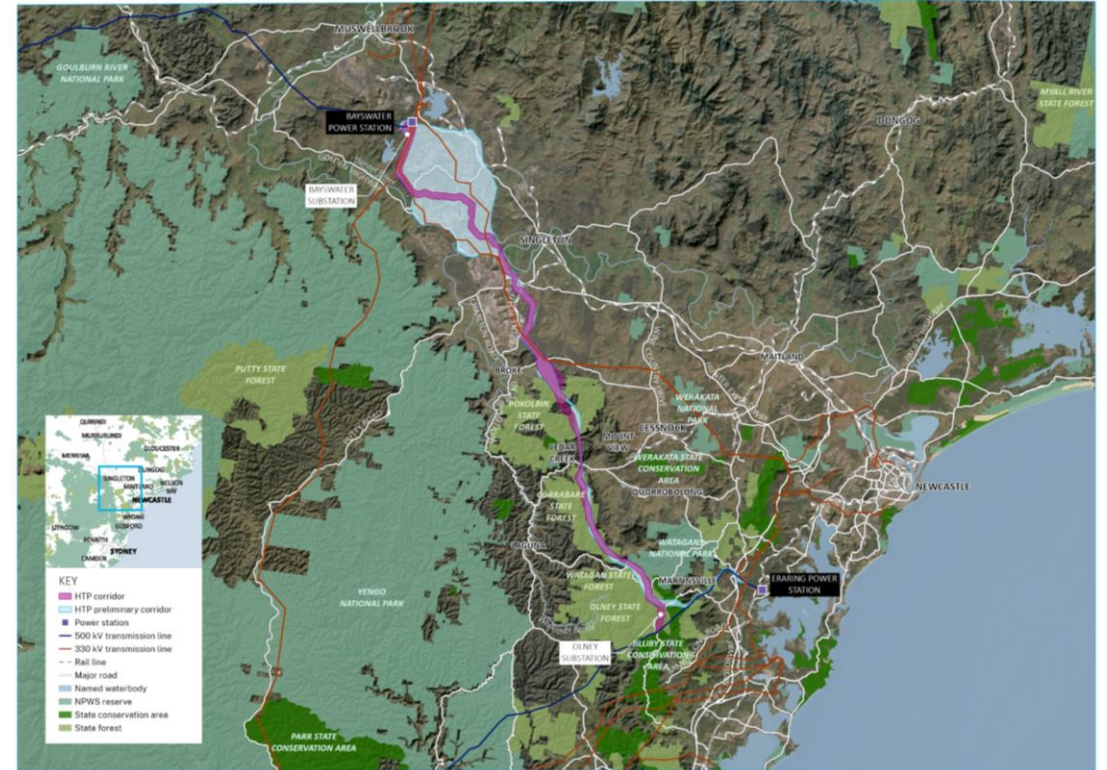
Community feedback informed key changes to the project prior to planning approval in 2024



# New England REZ



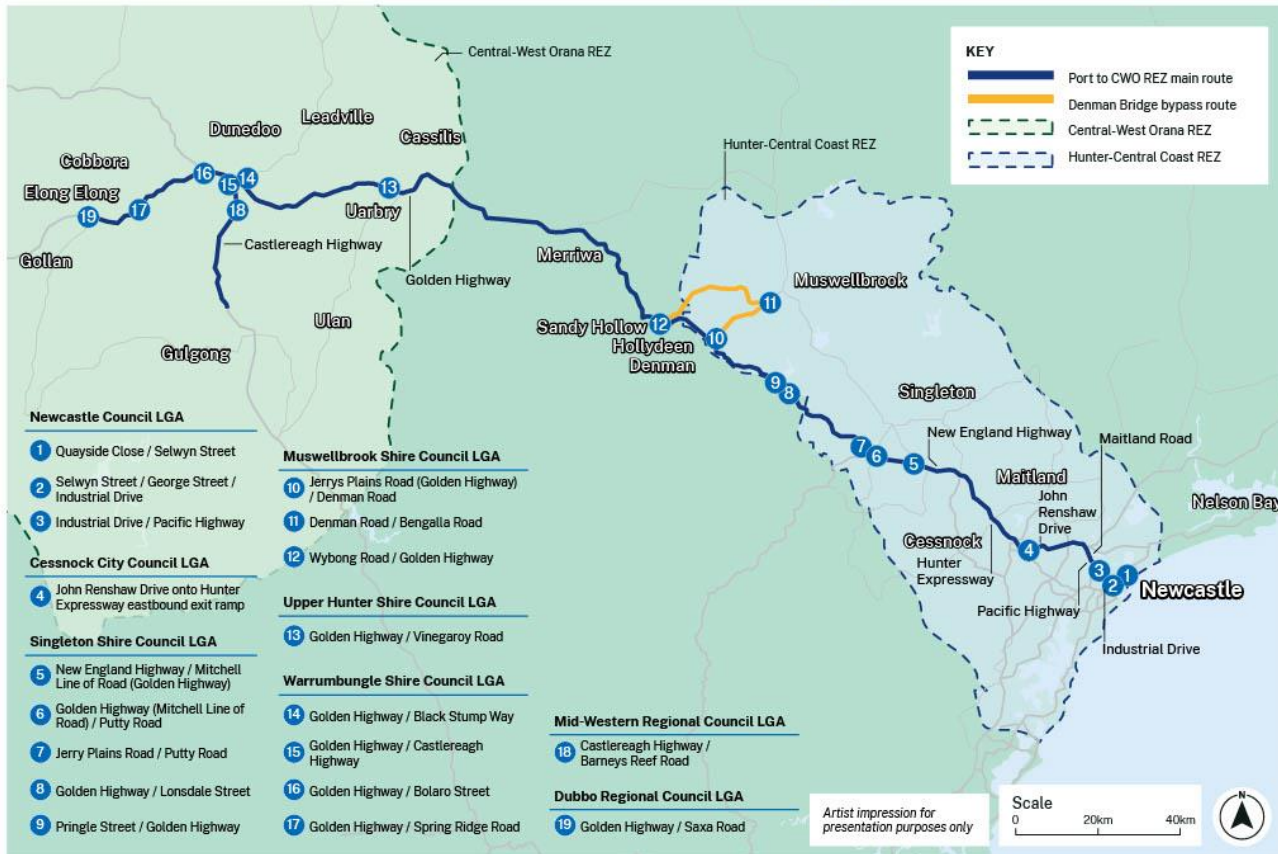
# Hunter Transmission Project



Revised study corridor

# Port to REZ




Port of Newcastle to Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone route and locations





# Hunter Central Coast REZ

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### Facilities

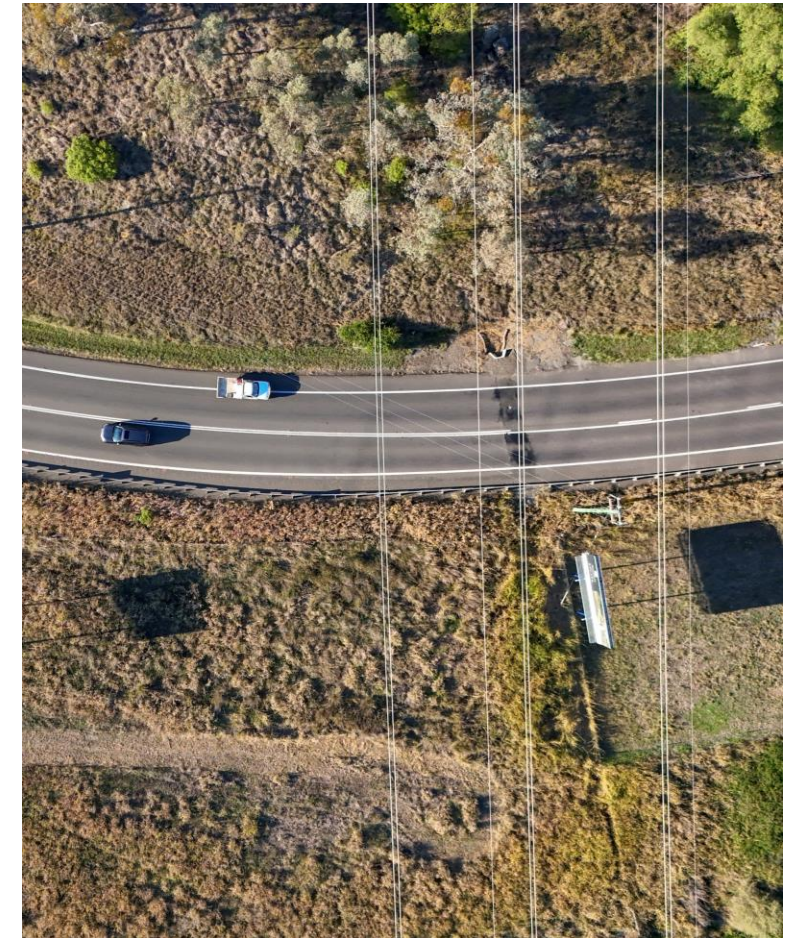
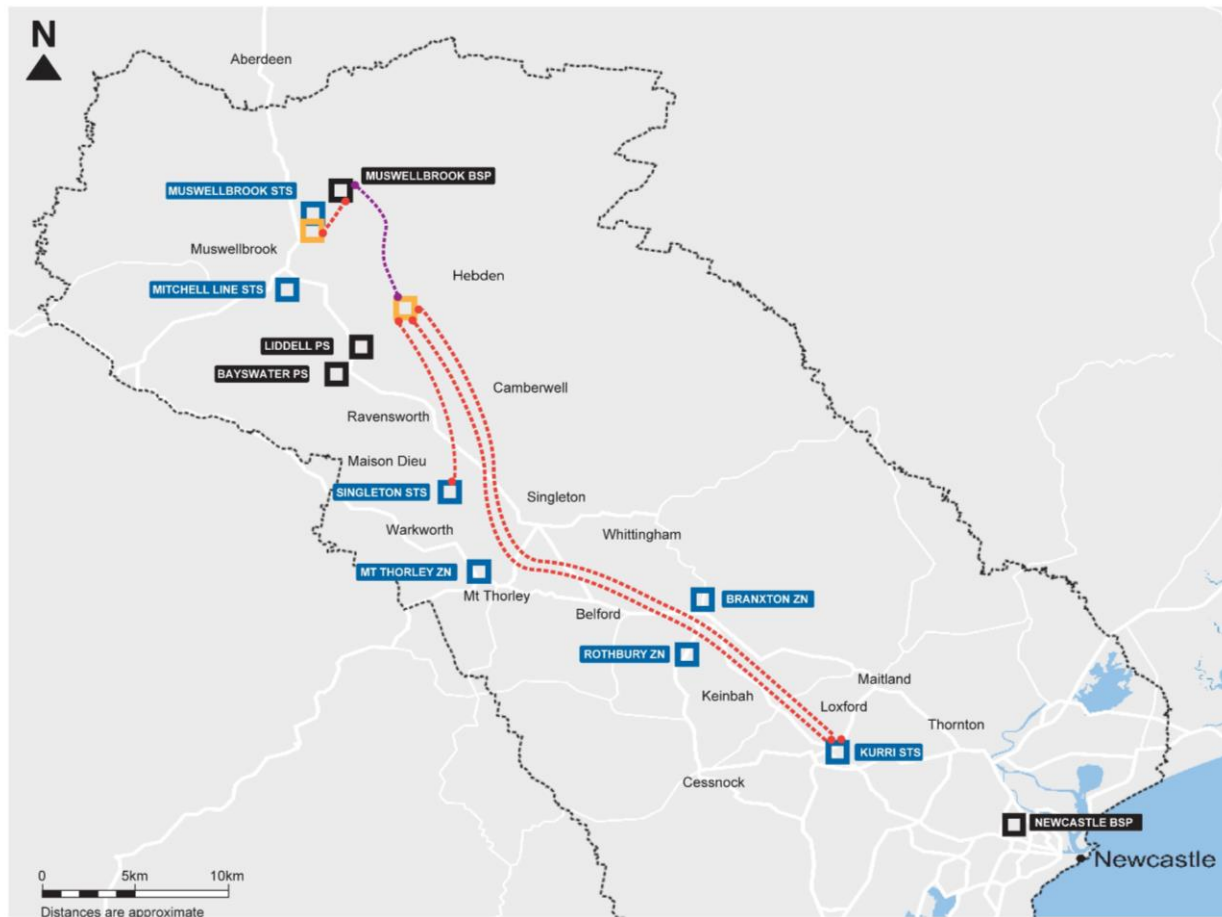
-  Existing Ausgrid Substation
-  Proposed New Substation
-  Existing Transgrid Substation or AGL Powerstation

### Connections

-  Proposed power line corridor to be rebuilt
-  Proposed communications cable to be installed within power line corridor

### Boundaries

-  HCC REZ Boundary



# Community and Employment Benefit Program

EnergyCo recognises that hosting renewable energy infrastructure represents real change for those living and working in REZs across NSW delivering lasting, tangible benefits.

In 2023, the Minister for Energy announced an initial \$128 million would be made available for community and employment benefits and projects to support the Central-West Orana REZ over the next four years.

Funds have been brought forward so communities can benefit from the renewable energy transition before construction begins.



- Strong interest and a large number of applications received for Stage One funding
- Successful Local Community Small Grants applicants to be announced from December 2025
- All other successful fund applicants to be announced from February 2025

Stage One funding (\$70 million) is available through four grant streams:

Local Community Fund \$15 million	Local Community Small Grants Fund \$500,000	First Nations Fund \$10 million	Legacy Infrastructure Fund \$45 million
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# Empowering local businesses

## Industry forums in Central West Orana



### 16 industry forums

Held in Central-West Orana REZ and HTP July -August for local and First Nations-owned businesses in Wellington, Dubbo, Mudgee, Coolah, Cassilis and Dunedoo



### The forums provided information on:

- Opportunities for work packages in Central-West Orana REZ
- Advice on tenders, scope of works, training, business support and resources



# Working with key stakeholders and communities

Community information sessions



Local community market pop-up



Community stakeholder groups



Supporting Aboriginal engagement



17K

Stakeholder and community interactions

6K

Landholder interactions

1.2K

Aboriginal interactions

193

Community information sessions and pop-ups

1.6K

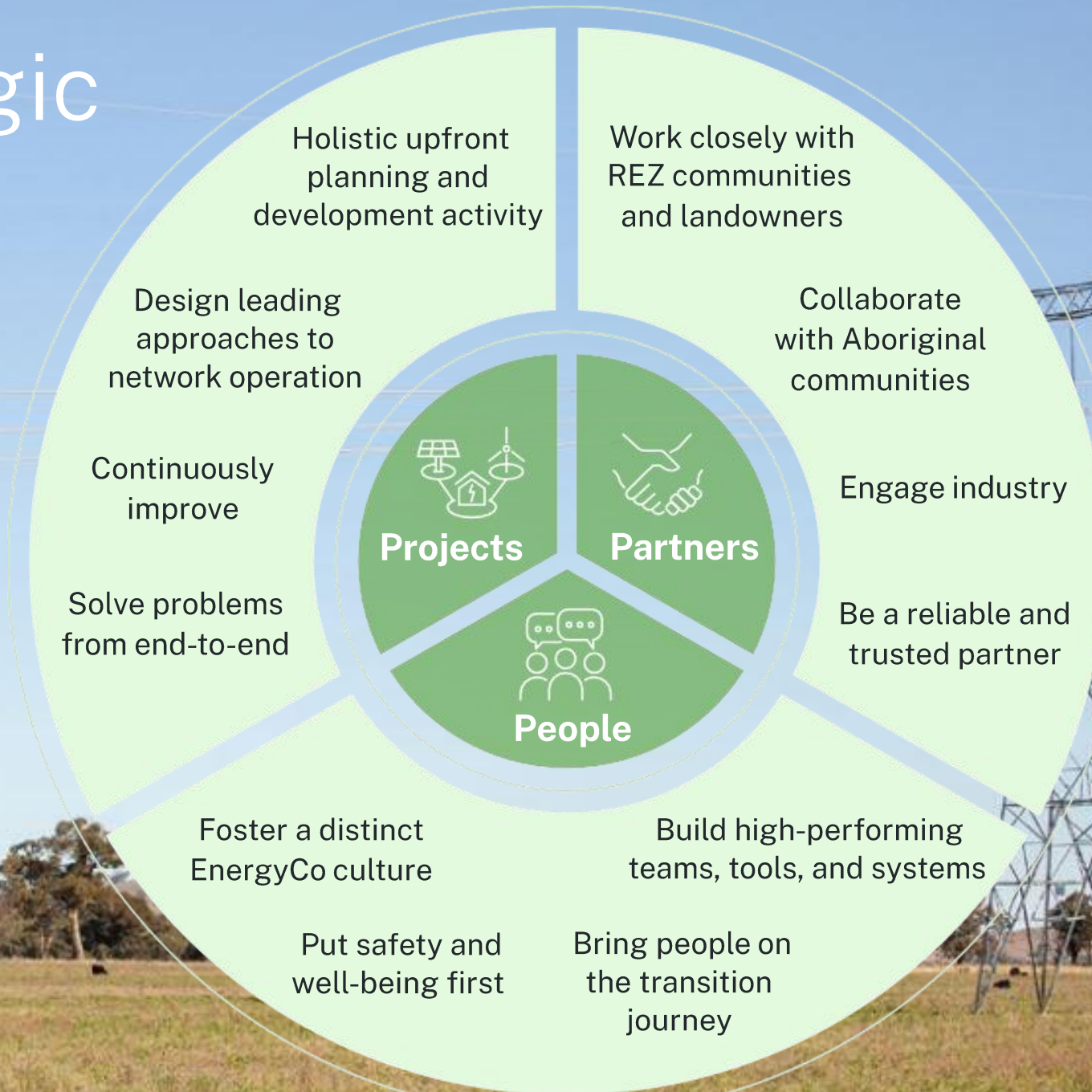
Meetings with community or stakeholder groups and business chambers

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Meetings with Local Councils

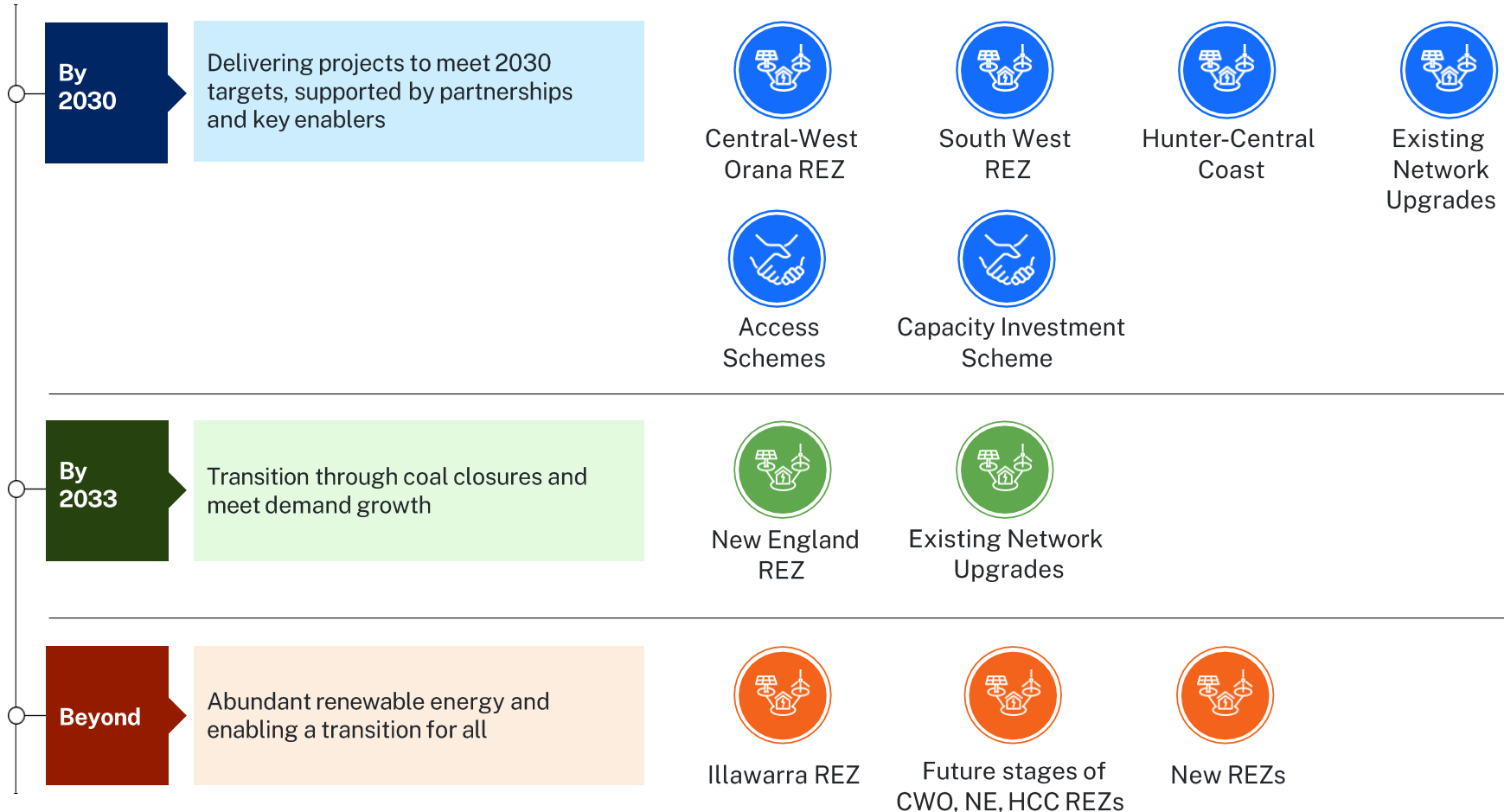
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# Our strategic priorities inform our focus for 2025





# Update on our generation and storage strategy



**REZ access schemes**

**What do they do?**

- Increase certainty for generators
- Create financial benefits for local communities

**Where are we up to?**

- Finalising contracts for Central - West Orana and South West REZs

**Where to next?**

- Consulting on access arrangements for Hunter Central Coast and New England REZs
- Embedding the lessons of Central-West Orana and South West

# Questions



Submit your questions for our panel to answer.



Please note that questions may be moderated to avoid duplication.

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Thank you

