

Field work near Tamworth from April to June 2025

April 2025

EnergyCo is carrying out investigations in the Tamworth area to help plan deliveries to the New England Renewable Energy Zone (REZ).

Overview

EnergyCo is delivering the New England REZ network infrastructure project to provide a clean, affordable and reliable power supply for energy consumers across NSW.

Delivery of the New England REZ involves:

- Building renewable energy projects, such as solar farms, wind farms and battery energy storage systems
- Building transmission lines and energy hubs to connect these projects to electricity consumers.

This requires the movement of large components to and around the New England REZ.

EnergyCo and Transport for NSW are working together to investigate upgrades to road intersections and pinch-points to allow large components to be moved safely across the road network to renewable energy projects.

The first stage being delivered includes 19 intersection upgrades between the Port of Newcastle and the Central West Orana REZ.

EnergyCo is now planning the road upgrades required to unlock access to the New England REZ.

What are we doing?

We are investigating the most suitable, low-impact oversize and over-mass (OSOM) route to unlock access from Muswellbrook to the New England REZ.

From April to June 2025, we will carry out investigations in the Tamworth area to inform planning for an OSOM route that will minimise traffic impacts on the town centre, including:

- visual inspections, topographic and cadastral surveys
- location and survey of utilities
- ecological surveys
- LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging involves flying a plane approximately 1km above ground to create a 3D representation of the landscape)
- geotechnical and contamination investigations
- heritage inspections
- noise monitoring
- traffic counting
- flood modelling.

More information on these investigations and how they are undertaken can be found at energyco.nsw.gov.au/ne.

A map of the work location is provided on page 3 of this notification.

Where investigations need to be carried out on private property, we will consult with landowners directly to arrange access.

We appreciate your cooperation while this important work is undertaken.

Work hours and timing

Work will take place between 7am and 6pm Monday to Friday, and 8am to 1pm on Saturdays.

Some work (such as traffic counting and fauna surveys) may take place outside standard hours to ensure we capture all relevant data.

What will this mean for you?

You may see workers carrying out investigations in road reserves but there will be minimal impact to road users.

To protect workers and road users, there may be times when we will have traffic control measures in place for short periods of time. Please keep to the speed limits and follow the direction of traffic controllers and signs.

For the latest traffic updates, you can download the Live Traffic NSW app, visit [livetraffic.com](https://www.livetraffic.com) or call 132 701.

Managing our impacts

We aim to manage our work to minimise impacts to the community and the environment.

Noise from these activities is expected to be minimal. Access to properties will be maintained at all times.

Contact us

For more information, you can get in touch with our team by calling **1800 061 114** (9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday) or by emailing nerez@energyco.nsw.gov.au.

You can read more about the New England REZ by visiting energyco.nsw.gov.au/ne.

If you need help understanding this information, please contact the Translating and Interpreting Service on **131 450** and ask them to call us on **1800 061 114**.

Work location

Field investigations will take place along the following corridor:

