

Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone

EnergyCo has been appointed by the NSW Government to develop the new Renewable Energy Zone in the Central-West Orana region.

The Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) was formally declared on 5 November 2021 by the Minister for Energy and Environment in accordance with the *Electricity Infrastructure Investment Act 2020*.

The Central-West Orana REZ will connect new wind, solar and pumped hydro projects to the grid, ensuring consumers continue to receive reliable and affordable power as the State's coal-fired power stations are progressively decommissioned.

The intended network capacity of the Central-West Orana REZ is at least three gigawatts, which will be delivered by the mid 2020s through new and upgraded transmission infrastructure.

A NSW-Government statutory authority, the Energy Corporation of NSW (EnergyCo), has been appointed as the infrastructure planner for the Central West Orana REZ.

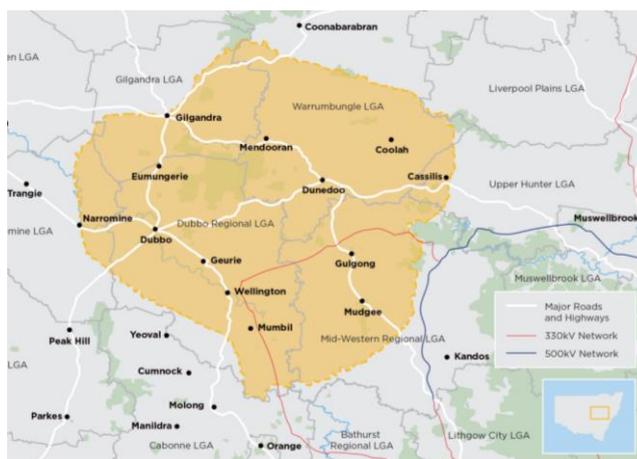
EnergyCo will now lead development of the Central-West Orana REZ, including community and stakeholder consultation, property negotiations and environmental planning approvals. Transgrid will continue to support EnergyCo, including upgrades to its existing network.

Community and stakeholder engagement

EnergyCo will shortly publish a Project Overview to provide updated information on the study corridor and potential Energy Hub locations.

The EnergyCo project team will be in the Central-West Orana region in early 2022 to seek feedback on these proposals and answer your questions about the process going forward.

We will write to you again when the details of the consultation sessions have been finalised. You can also visit our website at energy.nsw.gov.au/renewable-energy-zones to register for regular updates.



A community feedback report summarising key issues and concerns raised between December 2020 and September 2021 is now available at

<https://www.transgrid.com.au/media/wzpd25g1/cworez-community-engagement-feedback-report.pdf>

Environmental and Aboriginal cultural surveys

Field studies will take place to help us understand local conditions, identify potential impacts and determine where the new transmission infrastructure could be located.

Before undertaking any surveys, EnergyCo will always contact the property owner to seek approval.

The planning and project approval process

We are currently in the early stages of the planning approval process.

We are committed to working with the community and stakeholders throughout the process as outlined in the timeline to the right.

Having your say

Your feedback is crucial to ensure the REZ delivers meaningful, long term benefits to regional communities.

Contact us directly to be part of our upcoming consultation activities or simply be kept informed. You can expect to receive future newsletters from us in the mail.

Getting in touch

The REZ team are here to help you. If you have any questions about the REZ, or would like further information:



Please send us an email at REZ@planning.nsw.gov.au



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