

Pavement Testing and Utility Investigation in Central-West Orana REZ

NOTIFICATION March 2024

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 up to 4.5 gigawatts (GW) of new network capacity for solar, wind and storage projects with an expected 6 GW by 2038.

What are we doing?

Pavement testing will be undertaken on Merotherie Road off the Golden Highway in Leadville and Merotherie, as well as around the intersection of Spring Ridge Road and Dapper Road in Dunedoo.

Minor utility investigation works will also be undertaken at the entrance of Merotherie Road off the Golden Highway as well as additional utility surveys performed on private property.

The investigations will provide information on the road and ground conditions and utilities in the area to help inform the planning and design of the Central-West Orana REZ transmission project.

The work will start in **mid to late-March 2024 with each location expected to take around one week to complete**, weather permitting.

The investigations are in addition to the ongoing geotechnical surveys that have been underway since November 2023. [For more information on the geotechnical surveys, see the November 2023 works notification on the EnergyCo website.](#)

Work will be carried out by ACEREZ, the preferred Network Operator proponent for the Central-West Orana REZ transmission project. ACEREZ is a consortium comprised of ACCIONA, COBRA and Endeavour Energy.

Pavement Testing

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The work includes drilling boreholes in the road and performing tests to measure the road's structural integrity.

The investigations will be done on Merotherie Road off the Golden Highway in Leadville and Merotherie, as well as around the intersection of Spring Ridge and Dapper Road in Dunedoo. The pavement testing at Spring Ridge and Dapper Road will not involve drilling boreholes. The work will be undertaken on the road and within the road reserve.

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All boreholes drilled will be backfilled and properly reinstated, and the road returned to its existing condition.

Utility Investigations

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The utility investigations will be undertaken at the entrance of Merotherie Road off the Golden Highway, as well as additional utility surveys performed on private property. All investigations on private property will be carried out through prior agreement with landowners.

The work will identify and locate existing utility services for communications via non-destructive excavation methods.

A capping layer with material similar to the existing surface will then be applied to the completed works where it traverses Merotherie Road at a level slightly above the existing road service to accommodate potential minor settlement. Topsoil will be applied at all other locations across the backfilled areas and rehabilitated.

EnergyCo will limit disruption as much possible while tracking underground utilities.

How will the work affect you?

Vehicles and equipment to be used include auger fitted excavators, trailer-mounted pavement testing equipment, Hydrovac truck for utility surveys and light vehicles to support the works and traffic control.

EnergyCo is committed to minimising disruption to the community.

Work will be carried out between 7am and 6pm, Monday to Friday, and Saturdays 8am to 1pm. There will be no work on Sundays.

Traffic control will be in place with intermittent stopping and a reduced speed limit of 40km/hr in place close to the individual investigation sites. This will only be in place during the work hours, and may affect travel times.

Motorists are advised to drive to the conditions, obey signs and traffic control and allow extra travel time during this work.

For more information, please contact the project team on the details over the page.

Maps of work areas

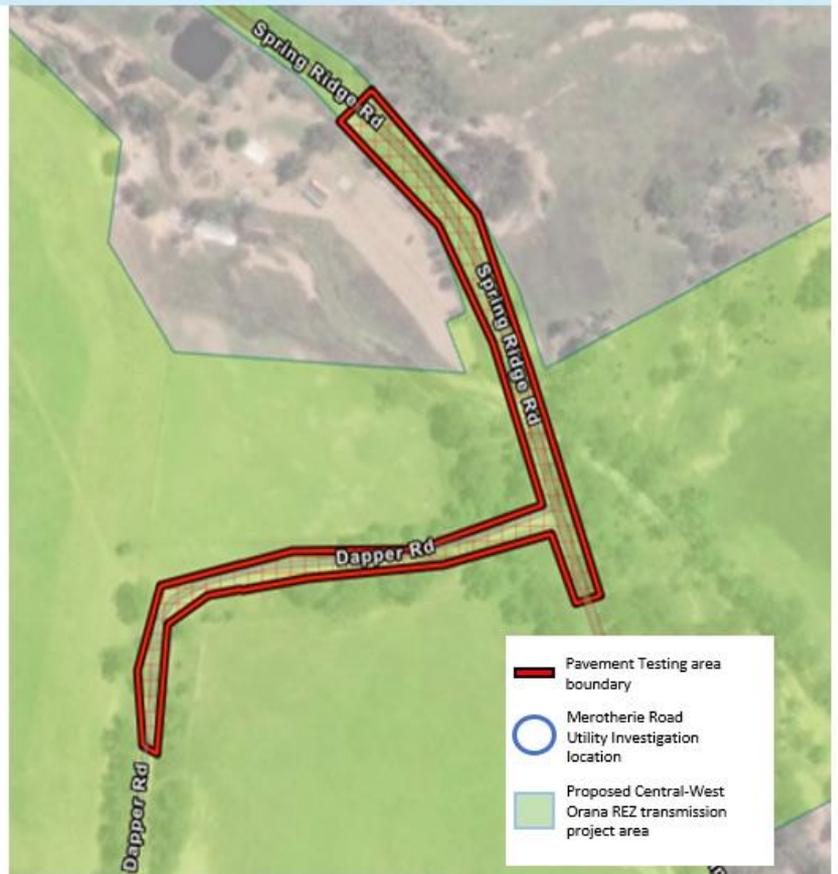
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Merotherie Road



Spring Ridge Road & Dapper Road



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