



Camellia to Lidcombe powerline project

Community consultation summary

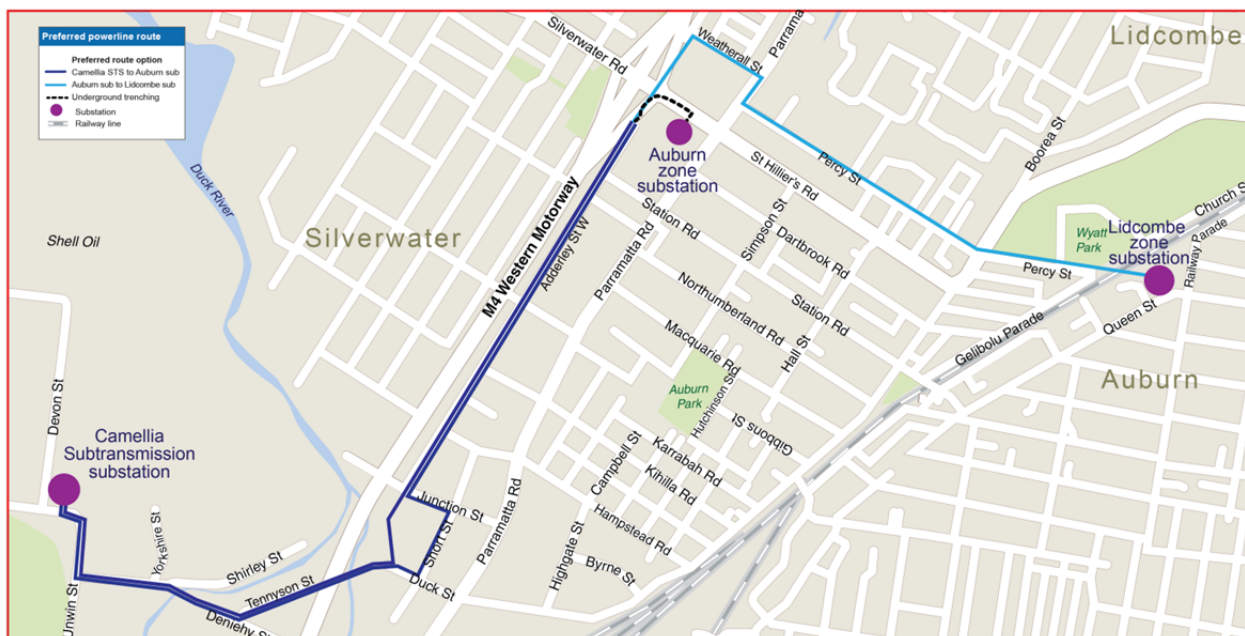
For feedback period 11 August 2016 to November 2016



Community engagement overview

This is a summary of the community engagement activities undertaken as part of planning for the Camellia to Lidcombe powerline project.

This project was introduced to the local community on 11 and 12 August 2016. A project introduction letter and community newsletter was hand delivered by Ausgrid team members to properties that have been identified as directly impacted stakeholders, or stakeholders directly adjacent to the preferred route.



Representatives from the Ausgrid project team spoke to most of the businesses in Auburn, including Auburn North Public School and Choice Preschool Kindergarten. Team members also doorknocked residents along Percy Street. The aim was to provide a brief overview of the project, seek feedback on the three key topics and to introduce members of the project team to the community.

Community members were invited to provide their feedback from 11 to 26 August 2016. The consultation period was extended to allow additional time for stakeholders to submit their comments or concerns about the project. Local information and feedback is being sought on:

- The preferred powerline route from Camellia to Lidcombe
- The design options for the new power poles
- Tree trimming and removal work.

A summary of the engagement activities carried out to date is outlined below.

Preliminary engagement in 2014

- Ausgrid met with Parramatta City Council, Auburn City Council and local members of parliament as part of early consultation for the project.
- Ausgrid met with the Valvoline Raceway operators in Rosehill to go through the early plans for the project. There were no formal or informal objections received to the preferred powerline route and the overhead arrangement. The operator's main concern was for Ausgrid to ensure that access to the raceway is maintained at all times. Correspondence with the Raceway operators is continuing as the project progresses.

August 2016

- A community newsletter and project introduction letter was hand delivered by Ausgrid team members to residents and businesses directly adjacent to the preferred powerline route.
- The community newsletter was then distributed to approximately 500 businesses and residents in the wider Rosehill, Auburn and Lidcombe neighbourhood. This included businesses in Rosehill along Colquhoun Street, Unwin Street, Shirley Street and Tennyson Street.
- A business owner on Adderley Street West called the Major Projects Infoline to provide his formal feedback in response to the community newsletter. His preference was to have cables underground instead of having overhead powerlines. He did not have a preference towards the design of the new power poles and no feedback was given on tree trimming or tree removal work.
- Project team members met with the Principal and Administrative Manager of Auburn North Public School to provide more information about the project and seek feedback on the above topics. The main concerns relate to impacts during construction and ways to minimise disturbances to the school. There was a preference to undertake most of the construction work near the school during school holidays to minimise impact to daily school operations.

There was no objection given to installing overhead powerlines along the preferred route. No preference was given to the design of the new power poles and no feedback was given on tree trimming and/or removal work. A copy of the newsletter was also included in the school's monthly newsletter.

September 2016

- A follow up doorknock was carried out over two days to allow additional opportunities for discussion and feedback. Team members visited properties along Adderley Street (East and West) that would potentially be impacted by tree trimming and removal work once the project is in the construction stage. Ausgrid received no formal or informal objections from property owners to carry out tree trimming and/or removal work as long as electricity supply and property access are maintained.
- Project team members met with the Director of Choice Childcare Kindergarten to provide more information about the project and seek feedback on the three key topics. The main concerns relate to impacts during construction and ways to minimise disturbances to the childcare.

There was no objection given to installing overhead powerlines along the preferred route. No preference was given to the design of the new power poles and no feedback was given on tree trimming and/or removal work.

- A feedback letter was submitted to Ausgrid by an interested parent from Auburn North Public School. His main concern relates to the impact of magnetic fields (EMF) as a result of the new powerlines. He was also interested in other possible routes that do not pass the school. Ausgrid met with the parent in early October to monitor the existing EMF levels outside the school. The results were then compared to the expected levels once the new poles and wires are installed. No formal or informal objection to the overhead arrangement and preferred route was received.

October 2016

- Ausgrid met with Mr Geoff Lee MP to provide a project briefing. There was a general preference to have cables installed underground in his electorate. However, there was no objection to progress the project with overhead powerlines as the route will pass an area in Rosehill that is already industrialised.
- Ausgrid met with a representative from the office of Mr Luke Foley MP to provide a project briefing. There was no objection to installing overhead powerlines and the concerns centred on potential construction impacts and ways to minimise them. No feedback or objections were received on pole design options and tree trimming or removal work.
- A meeting was held between Ausgrid and key representatives from Cumberland Council. Council is in favour of installing the new powerlines underground to eliminate visual impact and to avoid removing trees. A formal feedback letter is planned to be submitted to Ausgrid in November.
- A meeting was held between Ausgrid team members and key representatives from the City of Parramatta. Council is in favour of installing cables underground and the main concerns relate to visual impacts and impacts to trees as a result of new poles and wires.

November 2016

- Cumberland Council submitted a formal feedback letter to Ausgrid advising of Council's desire to have the proposed powerlines installed underground.

Next Steps

The engagement timeline for the Camellia to Lidcombe powerline project can be seen below.

