

Matraville to Maroubra cable project



A similar cable project in progress

New cables in your area

Ausgrid is seeking input from the community as we plan a new cable route between our substations in Military Road, Matraville and Robey Street, Maroubra.

These substations are connected by a fluid-filled 132,000 volt underground cable that runs between the two sites. This cable is approximately 40 years old and is nearing the end of its service life.

We are proposing to replace the existing cable with a new 132,000 volt underground cable and spare conduits (plastic pipes) for a future second cable.

This project is part of a program to retire fluid-filled cables across our network.

Planning cable routes

There are a range of factors to consider when planning cable routes. These include:

- public health and safety;
- environmental and social impacts;
- traffic considerations;
- technical feasibility;
- available space around existing underground utility services; and
- cost (minimising impact on your electricity bills).

Preferred cable route

We are proposing to install the new cable under local roads between Matraville and Maroubra. A map of the preferred route for the new cable is over the page.

From the northern boundary of the existing substation in Military Road, Matraville, the route would run east along Bunnerong Road to the grass reserve at the southern end of Wassell Street.

From here, it would travel north along Wassell Street and into Knowles Avenue and Menin Road.

At the northern end of Menin Road, the route would run through Memorial Reserve into Beauchamp Road opposite Ferguson Street. From there, it would travel west for about 80m and north up Robey Street to the Maroubra substation

Community involvement

You have received this newsletter because you live or work near the preferred cable route.

Community feedback will be one of the factors considered by Ausgrid as we plan the route.

Community information session

We are holding an information session to give you an opportunity to find out more about the project, provide feedback on the preferred cable route and speak to the project team. No appointment is necessary, just drop in.

Community session – Tuesday 3 March 2020

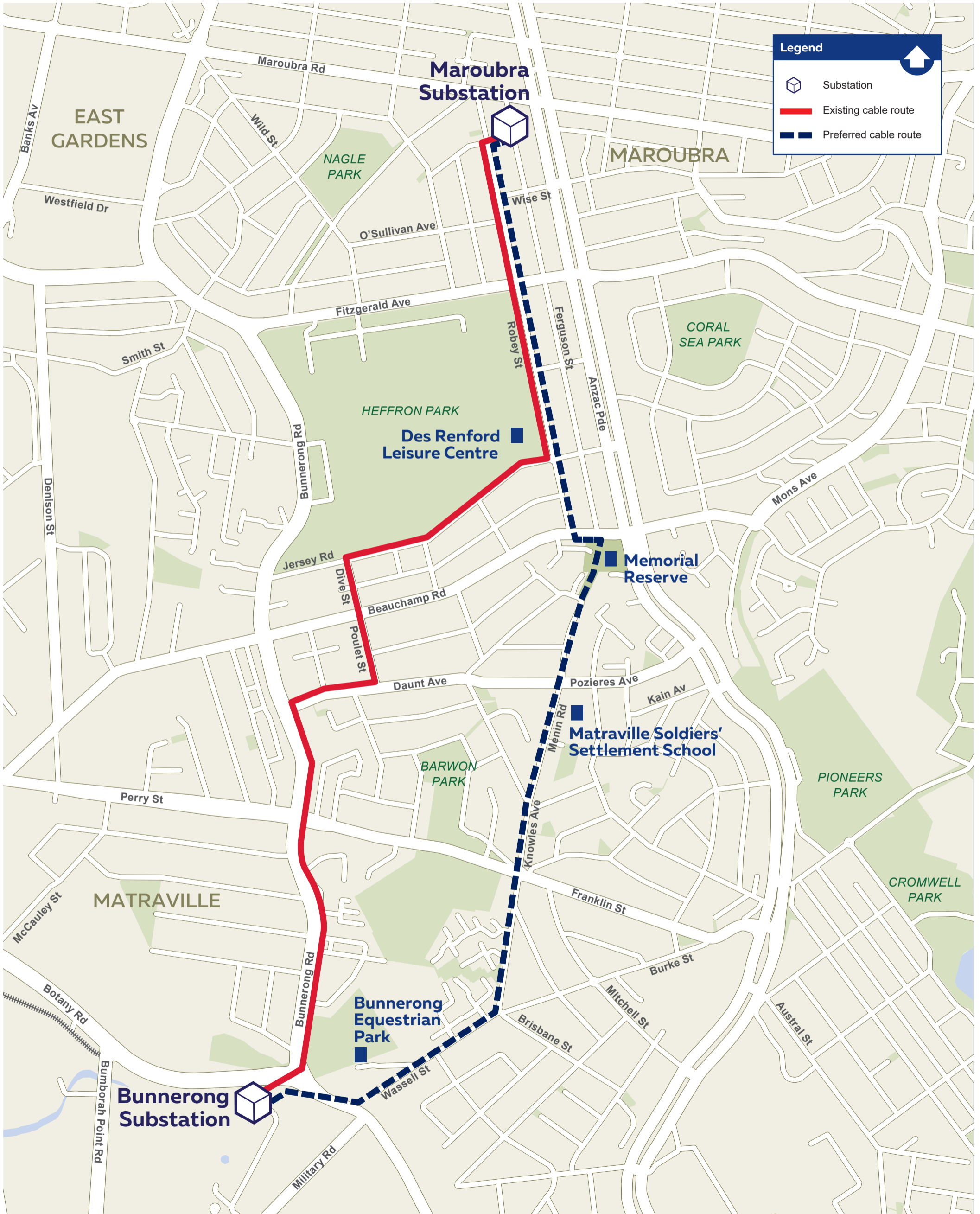
Maroubra Senior Citizens Centre
6 Alma Street, Maroubra
Any time between 4.30pm and 7.30pm
Presentation at 6pm

The project team will give a short presentation at 6pm on why the project is needed, how the preferred route was prepared and what to expect during construction.

If you can't attend the information session, please contact us and we can make alternative arrangements to discuss the project with you.

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Preferred route



Key dates

- Mid 2019 – March 2020**
Investigating route options and obtaining community and stakeholder feedback
- March – April 2020**
Feedback used by Ausgrid to refine plans. Site investigations to locate existing underground utility services and assess ground conditions
- May 2020**
Review of Environmental Factors (REF) on public display
- Mid – late 2020**
Project approved for construction, contractor appointed, and construction program prepared
- Late 2020**
Detailed design and start of construction
- Mid-late 2021**
Finish installing cables in streets
- 2022**
Retire existing 132,000 volt cable

Project assessment and approval

Ausgrid is the approving authority for the work under the NSW Environmental Planning & Assessment Act.

As part of the approval process, we will be preparing an environmental assessment known as a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) to determine the potential environmental impacts of the project.

The REF will be placed on exhibition at several locations and the community will be invited to make submissions.

The community along the preferred cable route will receive a newsletter in the next few months with further details about this process.

Following the REF exhibition, Ausgrid will review all submissions and prepare a summary report. The project will then be determined for approval based on the information contained in the REF.

Next steps

The timeline on the left provides an overview of the project and community engagement stages.

After considering and addressing feedback from the community and further planning, Ausgrid will conduct ground investigations along the preferred cable route to pinpoint existing utility services.

Once this is finished, we will refine the cable route as required for environmental assessment.

Keeping you informed

Ausgrid will keep the community informed as the project progresses via updates like this one and notification letters.

The latest project information will also be available on the project's web page (see below).

There will also be an opportunity to make a submission on the environmental assessment.

Contacting us

You are welcome to contact us with any enquiries:

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