## Community Newsletter - July 2022

# **Strathfield Cable Replacement Project**

# Ausgrid



## You are invited to a community information session

You would have received a newsletter in June letting you know about Ausgrid's upcoming cable replacement project in the Strathfield area and surrounds. After feedback received from our first round of community information sessions in June, we would like to invite you to provide us with your feedback on the preferred cable route at an additional community information session.

Date: Thursday 11 August Time: 6pm Location: Sydney Cheil Church – 7 Sydney St, Concord

The project team will share information about how the preferred route was prepared and what to expect during construction.



To register for our upcoming information session and sign up to receive project updates, please scan the QR code and provide your details.

### New cables in your area

Ausgrid is seeking input from the community as we plan a new cable route between Ausgrid's substation on Lloyd George Avenue, Burwood and Ismay Reserve, Homebush.

The project will also see the decommissioning of our cable transition point at Columbia Lane, Homebush. We will continue to use our substation on Lloyd George Avenue, Burwood.

These facilities are connected by existing fluid-filled underground 132kV sub-transmission cables that run between the two sites. The cables are approximately 50 years old and are nearing the end of their serviceable life.

We are proposing to replace the existing cables with new 132kV underground cables and conduits (plastic pipes) bypassing the cable transition point in Columbia Lane.

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 for minimising impact on your electricity bills.

## Preferred cable route

We are proposing to install the new cables under the road between Homebush and Burwood. A map of the preferred route for the new cable is over the page.

Starting from Ismay Reserve, Homebush, the new cables will be installed in conduits (plastic pipes) to be constructed across Parramatta Road and under the railway line into Carrington Street, and then following Concord Rd, Sydney Street, Inverary Street and Lloyd George Avenue.

We will also be installing two new steel poles in the Public Reserve at 20 Parramatta Road and removing a small section of the overhead wires and associated poles.

### **Community Involvement**

Community feedback will be considered by Ausgrid as we plan the route. The project team will be hosting upcoming opportunities for the local community to find out more about the project, provide feedback on the preferred cable route and speak with the project team.

## **Contacting us**

You are welcome to contact us with any enquiries:

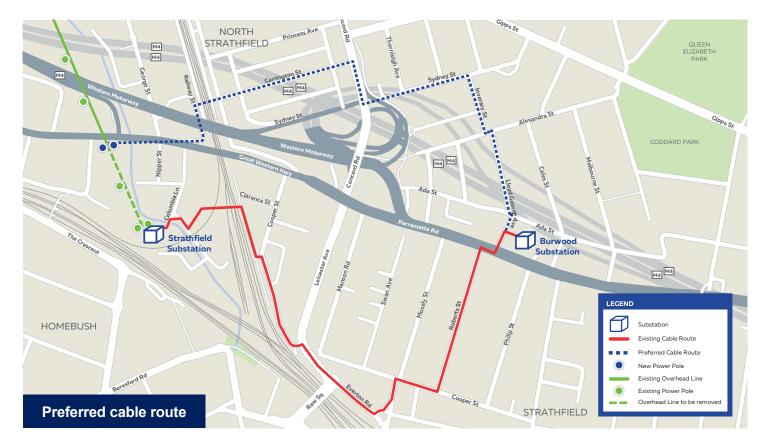
- Call 1800 604 765 (free call)
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Interpreter service 131 450

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## Key dates

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Investigating route options and obtaining community and stakeholder feedback

#### August/September 2022

Feedback used by Ausgrid to refine construction plans and complete site investigations

#### **O Early 2023**

Project approval for detailed design and construction, contractor appointed, and construction program prepared

#### **OMID 2023**

Detailed design and start of construction

#### **Carly 2024**

Installing cables and connect new cable to the existing network.

#### 0 2024

Retire existing cables



**Project assessment and approval** 

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

The community along the preferred cable route will continue to receive project updates with further details about future opportunities to provide feedback. Community members can also sign up for project updates via our project website.

#### **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 continue ground investigations along the preferred cable route to pinpoint existing utility services. Once this is finished, we will refine the cable route.

#### 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:

www.ausgrid.com.au/In-your-community/ Construction-projects/Strathfield-cable-project



Cable installation on a similar project