

Route selection process

View the several steps undertaken to narrow down the project area on the [interactive map](#).

Area of interest

A broad geographical area was investigated to understand the constraints and opportunities to identify corridors for further investigation.

Multiple corridors

Based on constraints and opportunities in the area of interest, multiple corridors were identified for further investigation in February 2021.

Single corridor

The least constrained single corridor was identified based on additional assessment, including advice from technical specialists, in June 2021.



Proposed route

Based on the findings from technical studies, field surveys and investigations, and community and stakeholder feedback, a proposed route was identified in November 2021. After gaining feedback from landholders, stakeholders and communities, an updated proposed route was released in August 2022. After changes to the project in 2023, including the increase in capacity of the 220kV section to 500kV, an updated proposed route to the north of Waubra was released in May 2024. In August 2024 the site of the new terminal station near Bulgana was released along with several other updates made in response to landholder, community and technical specialist input.



Click here to read or download the Western Renewables Link [Updated proposed route overview August 2024](#).

Next steps

Ongoing consultation, technical studies and field surveys

Comprehensive consultation with proposed route landholders is underway to understand landholder requirements, property specific issues and concerns, and to discuss the required easement, tower and access track locations.

The next steps will focus on micro-siting towers, design modifications in response to landholder feedback, and adjusting the design where possible to minimise impacts on properties.

Our project team will continue to share study findings and information with communities along the proposed route, and to gather feedback from these communities.

Changes to the proposed route are possible in response to community and landholder engagement, technical studies, and recommendations made as a result of the Environment Effects Statement (EES).

EES and approvals required

The proposed project requires Victorian and Commonwealth Government approvals as well as extensive community consultation through the EES process before construction may commence.

The Western Renewables Link Environment Effects Statement is expected to be submitted to the Victorian Government in 2024.

