

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Temporary worker accommodation facilities and construction compounds

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VNI West proposes the construction, operation and ongoing maintenance of a, 500kV double circuit overhead transmission line that would connect the high voltage electricity grids in NSW and Victoria. As part of the EIS for VNI West (NSW), a detailed assessment was undertaken of the potential impacts associated with construction of combined temporary worker accommodation facilities and construction compounds required to support construction activity on the project. For more information, refer to **Chapter 3: Project Description**.



Combined temporary worker accommodation facilities

A series of combined temporary worker accommodation facilities will be required at strategic locations along the project alignment to support construction of the project.

These facilities will be constructed during the initial site establishment works (subject to project approval) and will reduce pressure on current housing and accommodation availability in nearby townships, as well as reducing travel time for construction workers to and from the project.

The criteria for assessing appropriate combined temporary worker accommodation facilities included:

- meeting the size requirements of the site
- minimising the number of landowners affected, and maintaining appropriate distance from sensitive receivers
- minimising impacts on flora and fauna, and the need for vegetation clearing by targeting previously disturbed areas
- maximising the distance from waterbodies
- ensuring accessibility of the site, including its topography and proximity to the project.

Several combined temporary worker accommodation facilities are currently proposed at Moulamein, Cobb Highway, Wanganella (north), Wanganella (south), Dinawan substation, Coleambally and Wagga Wagga

The combined temporary worker accommodation facilities would include:

- accommodation facilities for between 150 and 500 workers (depending on location)
- concrete batching plants
- helipad/helicopter support facilities
- demountable site offices and amenities
- food and catering facilities;
- first aid, fitness and recreational facilities
- telecommunication services for personal use.



Image: Example of an established combined temporary worker accommodation facility (Cobb Highway, Boorooban) currently in use as part of the EnergyConnect (NSW – Eastern section) project.



Construction compounds

Up to two standalone construction compounds would be required during project construction. A number of potential site locations have been identified at Wetuppa, Cunninyeuk and Mabins Well. Construction compounds will accommodate a range of facilities such as material storage (laydown) areas, site offices, amenities, equipment storage, maintenance sheds and stockpile areas.



Site management

All construction compounds and temporary worker accommodation facilities would be appropriately fenced to secure the sites. The facilities will also include temporary lighting, measures to protect against fire and appropriate water quality and erosion and sediment controls.

The construction compounds and combined temporary worker accommodation facilities would be in place throughout the construction period.



Site restoration

Restoring and rehabilitating construction compounds and combined temporary worker accommodation facilities will occur as soon as practicably possible once construction has been completed.

Restoration would make good any disturbances caused during project activities (or as otherwise agreed with the landholder).

If requested and agreed with Transgrid in advance, landholders would be able to retain facilities and construction infrastructure, such as any hardstand areas created as part of these facilities.

Next steps

You have the opportunity to review and comment on the EIS via submission to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) during August 2025. Electronic copies of the EIS are available via:

- DPHI Major Projects website:
www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects
- VNI West (NSW) project website:
www.transgrid.com.au/vniw

Following the EIS Exhibition period, Transgrid will produce a Submissions Report to formally respond to community and stakeholder feedback received during exhibition.



For more information on the VNI West EIS, please scan the QR code, or visit www.transgrid.com.au/vniw.

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