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\$5 million electricity upgrade to Manly complete

Work to install major underground electricity cables is complete feeding more than 9,000 homes and businesses on the northern beaches.

EnergyAustralia's Executive General Manager Network, Geoff Lilliss said the \$5 million upgrade to EnergyAustralia's Manly zone substation would benefit residents in Manly and surrounding suburbs.

"This boost to the local network will help improve the reliability of supply to the 9,000 homes and businesses in Manly, Balgowlah and Fairlight that receive electricity from the Manly substation," Mr Lilliss said.

Work included the installation of 33,000 volt cables under Whistler, Carlton, Pine and Pacific streets, Malvern Avenue and Kangaroo Park, the installation of cable conduits to house the new cables, and the construction of underground joint bays.

Two new transformers have been installed in the zone substation in Whistler Street Manly, following the replacement of key underground cables in surrounding streets supplying the building.

"In addition to the new transformers, which are major pieces of electrical equipment, the substation in Whistler Street also has a new roof," Mr Lilliss said.

"Demand for power continues to grow in the region and these improvements will make sure the community's power needs are met."

Mr Lilliss thanked local residents and businesses for their patience during the construction and excavation phases of the project.

"Now that all work is complete we have contracted Manly Council to lay a permanent road surface over the excavated sections," Mr Lilliss said.

This work is part of a \$227 million investment in the electricity network in the northern beaches from 2007 to 2012.

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