

News Release



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North Shore power boosted with another \$11 million

Homes and businesses in the North Shore will benefit from an \$11 million upgrade to the local electricity network as part of EnergyAustralia's \$264 million investment in the area to 2012.

Work on the 3.5 kilometre underground cable replacement project will take place between Pymble and Turramurra.

EnergyAustralia has written to about 330 residents and businesses along the cable route advising them of the project and seeking feedback. Further correspondence will be distributed before work begins in August.

EnergyAustralia Network General Manager Geoff Lilliss said the proposed route for the new cables would be similar to the existing cables' path.

"This project will help secure the North Shore's electricity network for years to come," Mr Lilliss said.

"Upgrading the cables will improve the reliability of power supply and cater for future growth for the residents and businesses in suburbs such as Fox Valley, Gordon, Killara, Kissing Point, Pymble, Wahroonga, Turramurra, St Ives and Warrawee."

The nine month project involves installing three 33,000 volt underground cables in stages.

"This means we need to excavate a trench about one metre-wide, lay plastic pipes or conduits to house the new cables and construct underground joint bays so we can install and join the cables.

"We are also working closely with Ku-ring-gai Council on road restoration."

The cables will carry electricity from EnergyAustralia's Ku-ring-gai substation on the corner of Kulgoa Road and Bristol Avenue in Pymble to the zone substation off Turramurra Avenue, Turramurra.

Work outside most properties is expected to be completed within a couple of days with excavation completed at a rate of 20 to 30 metres per day. Access to properties will be maintained during the project but some street parking along the route will be affected.

"Most of the work will be completed during normal construction hours and we will have traffic control staff directing vehicles while work is in progress. However, some work along Mona Vale road will take place during the evening to avoid interrupting traffic flow," Mr Lilliss said.

"We want to thank residents and businesses in the area for their understanding and apologise for any inconvenience this work may cause."

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