

# Media Statement

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## Geotechnical investigations near completion in the VNI West draft corridor

Transmission Company Victoria (TCV) is close to completing public-land investigations to determine soil conditions and rock features across the VNI West draft corridor, which began in March.

This work, building our understanding of environmental considerations in the area, is part of ongoing field surveys and assessments that [began in October last year](#) to further refine the draft corridor.

TCV spokesperson, Claire Cass, said that prior to commencing these surveys, TCV has undertaken a wide range of direct and wider promotion of these works.

“Notification of upcoming geotechnical investigations is provided to landholders adjacent to work zones by their dedicated landholder liaisons through their preferred method of contact,” Ms Cass said.

“This program of survey work has been advertised in newspapers throughout the draft corridor over several months, promoted on our website and social media channels, and discussed at our recent [community events](#) in Charlton, Kerang and Stawell.

“TCV has worked with councils to obtain permits for these surveys on public land.

“As these geotechnical investigations draw to a close, TCV would like to thank communities and landholders for their patience and understanding regarding those works,” she said.

Community members are encouraged to visit TCV’s [planned survey activity webpage](#) for up-to-date works information. You can read TCV’s [geotechnical investigations explainer](#) for a more detailed understanding of borehole assessments.

Please visit [transmissionvictoria.com.au](https://transmissionvictoria.com.au) for further information.

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### **About VNI West**

VNI West is a major project to build a new transmission line between Victoria and New South Wales. It will harness renewable energy in both states and improve the reliability and security of electricity supply as coal-fired power stations retire and energy demand continues to grow.

As coal-fired power stations retire, new renewable energy generation will be built to fill the supply gap. New transmission lines are needed to connect this power with our homes and businesses and improve reliability.

In Victoria, a draft corridor around 2km wide has been identified and will be narrowed down to a preferred easement of 70-120m wide in 2024, subject to project assessment and approvals. The corridor runs from

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Bulgana to near Kerang and then across the border into New South Wales. Construction is scheduled to commence after all approvals have been obtained, in 2026.

## ***About TCV***

Transmission Company Victoria (TCV) is a company created by AEMO Victorian Planning to progress the VNI West transmission project. TCV will discuss the VNI West transmission project with landholders, Traditional Owners and the community to understand local concerns as the project moves toward construction. As AEMO is the system planner and will not physically construct or own the transmission lines, it established TCV to make sure that commitments made in the early stages are captured and honoured across the life of the project. TCV will provide project updates and will work with the community on this important transmission line. For more information, head to [www.transmissionvictoria.com.au](http://www.transmissionvictoria.com.au).