

# Media Release

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## Transmission licence application opens for public submissions.

Transmission Company Victoria (TCV) has applied to the Essential Services Commission (ESC) for a Victorian electricity transmission licence.

A transmission licence enables the holder to operate transmission infrastructure and transmit electricity in Victoria.

Applying for a transmission licence is a regular part of delivering a project such as VNI West. The licence would support the land access, planning and environment approvals works underway as TCV proceeds with its plans to develop, design, build and operate the VNI West project.

The ESC is currently assessing TCV's application, which is available for review along with all public submissions via the ESC website at: <https://www.esc.vic.gov.au/electricity-and-gas/licences-exemptions-and-trial-waivers/electricity-and-gas/licences/transmission-company-victoria-pty-ltd-application-electricity-transmission-licence>.

Consultation on this application will remain open for a six-week period, until 21 October. Submissions can be uploaded online or sent to the ESC via email at [Licences@esc.vic.gov.au](mailto:Licences@esc.vic.gov.au), or mailed to the address below:

Essential Services Commission  
[Level 8, 570 Bourke Street, Victoria 3000.](#)

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For information on the licencing process including a copy of TCV's application, please visit the ESC website or Engage Victoria <https://www.esc.vic.gov.au/electricity-and-gas/licences-exemptions-and-trial-waivers/electricity-and-gas/licences/transmission-company-victoria-pty-ltd-application-electricity-transmission-licence>.

More information about TCV and VNI West can be found at [www.transmissionvictoria.com.au](http://www.transmissionvictoria.com.au).

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## ***About VNI West***

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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 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).