

# Media Release

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## VNI West essential to keeping the lights on in Victoria

As old coal-fired power stations close, VNI West will play a vital role in keeping the lights on across Victoria.

VNI West will allow more renewable energy into our grid, including hydroelectricity from the Snowy Mountains Scheme.

As Transmission Company Victoria (TCV) continues to move forward with the VNI West project, it has reiterated its commitment to have up-front conversations with the community, to listen, and to treat people fairly.

TCV Spokesperson, Nicola Falcon, said: “At this stage we do not know exactly where the transmission line will be built. And we won’t know until we work with landholders and the community to identify the best location.”

“As we identify where the transmission line needs to be built, and which landholders will be impacted, we will treat them with respect and pay fair compensation.”

The project’s [Landholder Guide](#) provides information on key topics such as land access, easements and compensation.

The guide includes details of the \$10,000 payment in recognition of the time landholders who work with TCV will spend discussing and considering access and potential impacts on their property. The fee will be paid as part of an initial land access agreement, regardless of whether or not transmission is built on that property.

Alongside continued stakeholder engagement, TCV is working to refine the current area of interest to a 500m to 1km corridor over the next six weeks. This information will be made public once landholders within the corridor have been contacted.

There is an interactive map on the [TCV website](#), where the community can mark locations that are important and representatives from the VNI West project team are available on the phone to answer questions.

“TCV will continue working to find a route that minimises impacts to agriculture, cultural heritage, communities, and the environment. Input from the community and landholders is a critical part of that process,” Ms Falcon said.

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## ***About TCV***

Transmission Company Victoria (TCV) is a new 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 early 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).