



Bellata Power Outages

Newell Highway Upgrade, heavy duty pavement upgrade (Narrabri to Moree)

The Australian and NSW Governments are jointly funding \$261.17 million for Stage 1 of the Newell Highway Upgrade – Narrabri to Moree heavy duty pavement upgrade (HDPV).

Stage 1 of the HDPV project includes upgrading four priority sections along the Newell Highway with 27.3 kilometres of new road pavement, intersection improvements, widening of road shoulders and the provision of five additional overtaking lanes.

Scheduled Power Outages

As part of construction in section 3 of the project, a series of planned power outages will be required in the Bellata township.

Some changes to Essential Energy's electricity network assets are required including the relocation and replacement of high voltage power poles and new, higher capacity powerline.

To complete the works safely, it is anticipated that up to 18 planned outages (full days for approximately 8 hours) will be required from early **February until mid-April**.

Power outages are currently scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays commencing on the week of **7 February** from **8am to 4pm**.

How will you be notified

Under the National Electricity Customer Framework (NECF), Essential Energy is required to provide customers with **a minimum of four business days' prior notice of planned power outages** to enable them to make alternative arrangements, if necessary.

You will be advised of the dates and times of outages affecting you via Essential Energy's standard outage notification process, prior to the outage dates.

Residents and businesses are encouraged to make alternative arrangements if power is required during the period of a planned power outage.

Customers who rely on a continuous power supply to operate medical equipment should also seek advice from their medical practitioner and plan ahead.

What we can do to support you

Transport for NSW, in partnership with lead contractor Fulton Hogan, will be working with Essential Energy to plan and minimise impacts where possible.

Measures include flexibility in scheduling the days / times for the power outages that best suit the community between February and June 2023.

For residents who do not have alternative power supply for lifesaving medical equipment, water supply and business operations, our project team are happy to discuss arrangements with you.

We are also looking at options to provide an air-conditioned public space for a specific period during a power outage such as the Bellata Golf Club.

Please fill out a survey with one of our staff today so we can explore the best options.

Tips to minimise inconvenience during a power outage

- Protect sensitive electrical appliances, such as computers, by switching them off and unplugging them before the planned outage time
- If you rely on an electric pumping system for your household water supply, make sure you store enough water for your needs while the power is off
- Switch off stove hotplates, ovens and any other small appliances in case you're not home when power is restored
- Avoid opening your fridge or freezer while the power is off.

Contact us

If you have any questions about the outages or require further information, please contact Fulton Hogan Communications and Stakeholder Manager **Brendan Barrett on 0409 641 625** or via the Transport for NSW contact information below.

Contact us

If you have any questions or would like more on the Newell Highway Heavy Duty Pavement Upgrade project please contact our project team:



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