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Dear stakeholder

The Molonglo 132 kilovolt (kV) Powerline Relocation Project has commenced and the works within the National Arboretum Canberra and adjacent reserve areas is about to start, and we would like to share important information with you. We are replacing the existing overhead high voltage electricity transmission lines with underground electrical transmission lines. The project is being delivered by the Suburban Land Agency in partnership with Evo Energy.

Why are we doing this?

The underground electrical transmission line project will provide a positive community benefit, with the removal of unsightly infrastructure from the landscape and a better urban Molonglo outcome. Boundary Road at the Arboretum will be sealed enabling a more accessible road for the public, as well as the horticultural team who maintain over 44,000 rare, endangered and symbolic trees.

What is happening?

Starting in April 2022, the first part of works will occur with fencing removal, installation of temporary fencing, topsoil stripping and maintenance access track preparation. Work will be undertaken between 7am and 5pm on weekdays with some work on Saturdays between 7am and 1pm.

Other works include trenching, under-boring, cable hauling, maintenance access track construction, reinstatement of fencing and dryland grass, and road sealing. This work is expected to be undertaken onsite along Boundary Road at the National Arboretum until late 2022.

The works area will be fenced to ensure community safety. Following construction, the existing overhead powerlines and towers, which run from Whitlam to the Tuggeranong Parkway at the Molonglo River, will be removed. Construction noise impacts, above the general highway traffic, should be minimal, and dust suppression practices will be in place.

Where will this occur?

Affected areas for this work will impact public access points within the National Arboretum and adjacent reserve areas. Portions of access trails including Boundary Road will be closed to allow these works to be delivered safely. These closures will be minimised and alternative routes will be provided where practical. Please see the map below that shows the area of works.



Other key information

You might like to know that Evoenergy are currently constructing a new substation near the intersection of William Hovell Drive and Coulter Drive. The 132kV Powerline Relocation Project was designed to accommodate the future substation at this location, however the projects are being delivered separately. Further information is available from Evoenergy [here](#).

Regular updates for the powerline relocation project will be included on the Suburban Land Agency website. Please visit www.suburbanland.act.gov.au for more information.

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