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Join the Western Victoria Transmission Network Project team for an online community Q+A session

Community engagement to seek feedback on the Western Victoria Transmission Network Project is underway, with an initial series of online community question and answer sessions planned for the first two weeks of July.

The project will add a new link to the existing transmission network, unlocking renewable generation projects in the Western Victorian region and helping to deliver critical energy supply to the wider network. Community engagement is planned for the duration of the project, including during the investigation and planning phases, construction and development which is anticipated to start around 2022, right through to Project completion and commissioning around 2025.

At this stage there is no project route or locations for infrastructure. Right now, community members are being asked to share their feedback on the project's area of interest using an interactive mapping tool at www.westvictnp.com.au. This input, alongside early environmental and technical investigations, will help identify a preferred project corridor.

In addition, the project team is pleased to host six online question and answer sessions to meet community members and answer their questions. People can drop into these virtual live sessions by visiting the project website at www.wvtnp.com.au at these times:

- 10 am – 12 noon, Saturday 4 July
- 6 – 8pm, Tuesday 7 July
- 6 – 8pm, Thursday 9 July
- 10 am – 12 noon, Saturday 11 July
- 6 – 8pm, Tuesday 14 July
- 6 – 8pm, Thursday 16 July

The sessions will be streamed live via a link on the project website and people can submit questions during the session or in advance via our email info@westvictnp.com.au.

AusNet Services thanks local communities for their feedback so far and invites community members to get involved in our Covid-safe online engagement events.

We encourage people to attend our questions and answers sessions, there are six opportunities over the coming fortnight during the week and on the weekend. We'd hoped to hold our community information sessions in person, however the health and safety of the community and our team is our topmost priority and we must follow all government directions regarding COVID-19.

We're really pleased with the feedback on our interactive map to date, we've had nearly 800 comments about what people value in their local area. This information along with environmental investigations and technical design is critical in informing our project decision-making.

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Community members are also invited to email info@westvictnp.com.au or phone 9021 0674 the team if they are unable to attend a session.

Developing this critical infrastructure will involve major economic investment in western Victoria, creating new jobs during and after construction, as well as supporting Victoria's move towards a cleaner energy future.

For further information, including a map of the area of interest and details for contacting the Western Victorian Transmission Network Project team head to www.westvictnp.com.au or call 9021 0674.

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