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## Kongwak benefits as part of \$20 million upgrade project Electricity work to improve supply to local residents

Kongwak's electricity provider SP AusNet has begun carrying out maintenance works to replace 38 powerpoles and upgrade powerlines to improve power supply in the area as part of a \$20 million investment in infrastructure by the power company.

The works in Kongwak, to be completed by February 2011, are part of SP AusNet's project to improve powerlines in 29 locations within eastern, central and northern Victoria, leading to an improved and more reliable electricity supply for SP AusNet customers.

SP AusNet spokesperson Joe Adamo said the company was committed to ensuring its electricity network was as reliable as possible, with this work set to improve power supply for residents in the area.

"Following routine powerline inspections, 38 powerpoles and powerlines in Kongwak were identified as being able to be replaced, which is what our crews will be doing during the following five months," he said.

"Kongwak residents may notice increased activity in Kongwak-Inverloch Road and Scotts Estate Road as crews work gradually to complete this work," he said.

In order to minimise inconvenience, specialised construction techniques will be used to complete as much work as possible without needing to turn off the electricity supply to customers' properties.

Due to the extensive nature of these works however, and to enable the works to be completed safely, multiple interruptions to some properties will likely be required over the following five-month period.

SP AusNet will be writing to advise customers of impending works that will affect their power supply.

Mr Adamo said SP AusNet understood it was never a good time to be without power, but these upgrade works would ensure customers endured fewer unplanned power outages in the future.

"We'd like to thank customers for their patience and understanding while we carry out these vital upgrades," Mr Adamo said.

For more information about the project or the power outages, contact SP AusNet's Customer Service Centre on 1300 360 795.

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