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Sale zone substation due for an upgrade

AusNet Services, formerly SP AusNet, will begin a \$7.2m, four-month project in late August to upgrade the Sale zone substation and adjoining powerlines.

The project will enhance the security of electricity supply to Sale and the nearby region, including Longford, Seaspray, Loch Sport.

Jim Haylock, AusNet Services Regional Customer and Community Manager, said that months of planning has gone into limiting the impact on customers.

"We're upgrading critical infrastructure in the zone substation and on the adjoining powerlines that will improve the performance of the electricity network in Sale and the nearby towns," Mr Haylock said.

"Significant planning has gone into the project to limit any inconvenience to residents and business owners from power outages to safely do the work.

"Importantly, when we require a planned electricity outage for the project, we're using the opportunity to do additional maintenance on the powerlines, to reduce the need for separate outages leading into summer," he said.

The works include replacing an ageing transformer with a new, higher capacity and thermally efficient transformer, replacing five power poles, six kilometres of powerlines and approximately 50 high voltage fuses.

AusNet Services will notify customers to any planned outages via letters.

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