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TCV signs sales contract for land near Tragowel

Transmission Company Victoria (TCV) has signed an unconditional contract of sale for a property located near Tragowel, approximately 12 kms south of Kerang.

Subject to planning and environmental approvals, the 360-hectare site is proposed as the location for a new terminal station required as part of the VNI West transmission project.

VNI West is a project to build a new transmission line between Victoria and New South Wales. It will harness clean, low-cost electricity from renewable energy zones (REZs) in both states and improve the reliability and security of electricity supply as our ageing coal-fired power stations retire.

Construction on this site cannot commence until all appropriate environmental and planning approvals are obtained, and would not begin before 2026.

The land purchase does not pre-empt the location of the final easement for the transmission line, which will be determined through the planning and assessment processes and in consultation with landholders, farmers, Traditional Owners and communities.

TCV is committed to minimising the impacts of the proposed terminal station and will work closely with near neighbours and the local community through the planning and approvals process. We have made it a priority to notify neighbours and local landholders of the land purchase and TCV will hold further information sessions in the area to talk to the local community and answer their questions.

This type of infrastructure is common across Victoria, with 61 terminal stations currently in operation, including several of a similar size, such as a terminal located in Moorabool.

The proposed Tragowel terminal station is yet to be designed but the initial footprint is likely to be less than 20% of the available land, with dimensions around 300m x 800m leaving considerable areas of open space.

A broad range of environmental and technical assessments will be conducted through the planning and project assessment phase, commencing later this year.

If through this process the property is deemed to be an unsuitable location for the terminal station, the site can be sold.

For more information including the TCV Terminal Station Fact Sheet, please visit www.transmissionvictoria.com.au or call TCV on 1800 824 221.

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