



Australian Government

Australian Industry
Participation Authority

Australian Jobs Act 2013

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Australian Industry Participation Plan Summary - Project Phase

Nominated project proponent: TRANSMISSION COMPANY VICTORIA PTY LTD

Project details

Name: Victoria - New South Wales Interconnector West (VNIW) Project (Vic)

Location: From Bulgana to near Kerang, Victoria

Type: Electricity facility

Purpose: Establish new facility

Capital expenditure: \$500 million or more

Description: VNI West is a proposed new high capacity 500 kV double-circuit overhead transmission line, between Victoria and New South Wales that will help harness clean, low-cost electricity from renewable energy zones (REZs) in both states, helping reduce the cost of carbon emissions abatement and improving the reliability and security of electricity supply as coal-fired power stations close. In May 2023, AEMO and Transgrid (who is delivering the New South Wales component of VNI West), released the Project Assessment Conclusions Report (PACR) which identified the preferred network option for VNI West. The PACR is the final report in the Regulated Investment Test for Transmission (RIT-T). The PACR identified the preferred option for VNI West, charting a broad corridor that connects it to Western Renewables Link at a new terminal station at Bulgana and crossing the Murray River north of Kerang. This continues on to EnergyConnect in New South Wales to the new Dinawan substation near Jerilderie. Since the PACR was published, work has been undertaken to further articulate the preferred route. This work (and details of the further refined area) is detailed in the Report of the Draft Corridor for VNI West published on 6 October 2023. The Draft Corridor is now, as at the date this ROI, an area of approximately 2km wide, with wider areas in some locations where flexibility is needed in relation to connection points or to consider options. Transmission Company Victoria Pty Ltd (TCV) is currently undertaking early works in Victoria, including community, landholder and Traditional Owner consultations, long lead equipment procurement, land and easement analysis, undertaking engineering and design work and ongoing investigations into the corridor and ultimate route.

Completion date: 30 Jun 2028

Key goods and services

Indicative list of key goods and services to be acquired for the project:

Key goods and services	Opportunities for Australian entities*	Opportunities for non-Australian entities	Explanation for no opportunities for Australian entities
Station Equipment	Yes	Yes	
Long Lead Equipment	Yes	Yes	
Lines and Wires	Yes	Yes	
Towers	Yes	Yes	
Non-contestable items	Yes	Yes	
Civil Works	Yes	Yes	
Commissioning, testing, & installation	Yes	Yes	
Community & Stakeholder management	Yes	Yes	
Concreting	Yes	Yes	
Construction	Yes	Yes	
Consulting	Yes	Yes	
Grubbing and clearing	Yes	Yes	
Electrical works	Yes	Yes	
Engineering and Design	Yes	Yes	
Preliminary Work	Yes	Yes	
Labour hire	Yes	No	
Land & Property	Yes	No	
Legal	Yes	No	
Planning & Environment	Yes	No	
Procurement Support	Yes	Yes	
Project Management / Project Support	Yes	Yes	
Security	Yes	No	
Testing and Commissioning	Yes	Yes	

* An Australian entity is an entity with an ABN or ACN

Project standards:

Australian

Supplier information and communication

Project proponent's contact person for supplier enquiries:

Contact person name Gary Wieser
Contact person position Commercial Specialist
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Project proponent website: The TCV website can be found at: www.transmissionvictoria.com.au As the Project will be delivered across both Victoria and New South Wales, key project information can also be found at the below websites: • AEMO website (VIC): www.aemo.com.au/VNI-West • TCV website (VIC) www.transmissionvictoria.com.au • Transgrid website (NSW): www.transgrid.com.au/VNIW For information and updates on VNI West, TCV can be contacted by email: enquiries@transmissionvictoria.com.au or on the phone at 1800 824 221.

Project opportunities website: TCV will communicate information about the Project and details of all available opportunities to supply goods or services on the following websites: • AEMO Tenders: <https://aemo.com.au/en/consultations/tenders> • AEMO Vendor Panel: <https://www.vendorpanel.com.au/publictenders.aspx?emcc=46FBEAFB2CF9> • ICN Gateway: <https://gateway.icn.org.au/> AEMO Vendor Panel is a pre-selected range of suppliers (selected through calls for Expressions of Interest/Pre-qualification) who AEMO communication opportunities based on their capabilities / capacities aligned to Project requirements. Specific calls for Expressions of Interest (EOI) are published on the AEMO tenders website, enabling all suppliers the opportunity to register and undergoing the selection process.

Supplier engagement and communication actions :

- Promote project opportunities through industry associations
- Issue media releases or ASX announcements on project developments and opportunities
- Directly contact suppliers with information on project opportunities and bid processes
- Up to date, dedicated online presence informing potential suppliers over Project progress and opportunities

Building Australian industry capability

Supplier capability development actions:

- Recommend suppliers undertake training and/or accreditation
- Encourage joint ventures and alliances between suppliers

Global supply chain integration actions:

- Introduce suppliers to global supply chain partners
- Facilitate strategic partnering and joint ventures between Australian and international suppliers

Feedback process for unsuccessful bidders:

The below commitments are at an indicative level at this stage and will be further refined through the development and delivery phases of VNI West. Following any tender process, where relevant, feedback sessions will be run which will focus on providing feedback to bidders on:

- Understanding of VNI West requirements.
- Capability/capacity to meet the VNI West timeline.
- Specific areas for improvement to increase likelihood of success for future bids, including key skills to augment aligned to the requirements.

The offering of feedback may be a mandatory step in each tender evaluation process, and compliance would be ensured through:

- Documenting acceptance of feedback offered to unsuccessful bidders and conducting feedback debriefs to note strengths and areas for improvement.
- Regular review of feedback sessions completed, including whether it was meaningful, training/capability building recommendations, etc.

The following feedback strategies may be applied to enable meaningful feedback provision:

1. Establishing a structured process that outlines clear guidance for providing feedback (e.g. highlighting bid strengths, weaknesses, capability gaps, etc). This includes a debrief session (face-to-face, online) to enable an open two-way conversation over the feedback in detail, with a written summary provided following the meeting.
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Australian Industry Participation Plan Summary - Operations Phase

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Generic Materials and Components	Yes	Yes	
General Services Contracts	Yes	Yes	
Spare Parts	Yes	Yes	

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Facility standards:

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Facility operator's contact person for supplier enquiries:

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