

Hazelwood North site establishment work

Site establishment work will continue in August on the Hazelwood North Converter Station site ahead of larger scale work later in 2026.

The site establishment works outlined in this notification are expected to begin mid-August before major work begins. This timeline is subject to factors such as weather, unexpected ground conditions and other site-related issues that may result in changes to our planned program.

What it is

Site establishment work will include building site compound facilities and laydown areas in preparation for earthworks and laying foundations for the new converter station.

What it involves

Activities will include:

- ◇ Removal of planted trees*, shedding and existing fencing
- ◇ Site set up
- ◇ Noise and dust monitoring
- ◇ Building access roads and installing new fencing

We will implement measures to minimise impacts on the local community, environment, and road users.

*Further information about tree removal can be found in the FAQ section below.



What to expect

- ◇ **Temporary traffic changes, including lane closures, reduced speed limits and road safety signage along Tramway Road**
- ◇ **Work crews and an increase in light and heavy vehicles in local areas**
- ◇ **Local traffic management**

To help keep everyone safe, please observe traffic signage and follow instructions from traffic controllers.

Works will be completed between the following working hours:

- ◇ **Monday to Friday, 7am to 6pm**
- ◇ **Saturday, 7am to 1pm**

If any works are required outside of this period, we will let the community know in advance.

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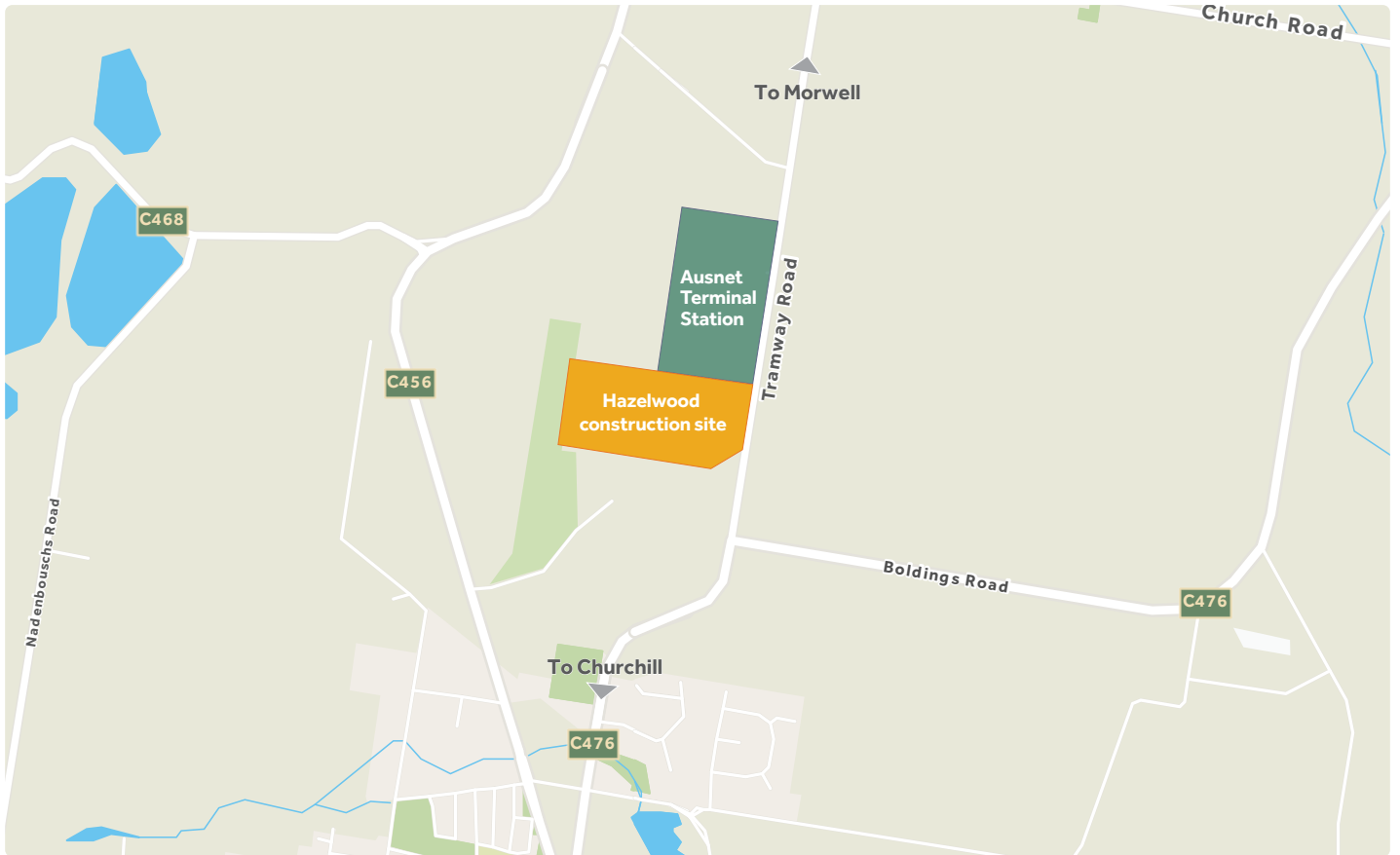
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Background

Marinus Link is a new electricity and telecommunications interconnector between North West Tasmania and Victoria's Latrobe Valley.

It includes high-voltage and fibre-optic cables spanning 255 km across Bass Strait and 90 km underground in Gippsland, along with a fibre-optic terminal station at Sandy Point and converter stations at Heybridge and Hazelwood.

Marinus Link Pty Ltd is jointly owned by the Commonwealth, Tasmania and Victoria.



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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) tree removal

Why do trees need to be removed from the site?

To facilitate key project works at the Hazelwood Converter Station construction site. These works include widening the existing driveway to maintain safe vehicle access and reduce potential traffic delays on Tramway Road, as well as accommodating the future converter station footprint.

The driveway widening will:

- ◇ Improve safe vehicle access to the site.
- ◇ Provide space for large vehicles to safely manoeuvre.
- ◇ Reduce the potential for traffic delays on Tramway Road.
- ◇ Help minimise impacts to road users when large vehicles enter and exit the site.

How many trees will be removed?

A total of 40 trees will be removed:

- ◇ 30 trees along the existing driveway.
- ◇ 10 planted trees located within the future converter station footprint.

Are the trees native?

Yes. The trees are native species, however they were planted and are not remnant native vegetation.

Will replacement planting occur?

The trees being removed are planted trees so replanting is not required under the relevant approvals. Once construction is complete, the site will be landscaped with native vegetation to rehabilitate the area.

How will wildlife be protected during the tree removal works?

A qualified ecologist will be present on site during the tree removal works. The ecologist will inspect the trees and monitor the site for wildlife during the work. If any wildlife is encountered, safe capture and relocation will be undertaken in accordance with relevant permits and animal welfare requirements.

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