

# Waterloo to Surry Hills Cable Project



A similar cable project in progress

## The cable project

Ausgrid is progressing with plans to install new 132kV underground electricity cables between Ausgrid's substation in Allen Street, Waterloo and our substation in Ann Street, Surry Hills.

These substations are connected by existing fluid-filled cables which are more than 40 years old and are nearing the end of their serviceable life.

You have received this newsletter because you live or work near the proposed cable route or one of the substations shown on the map overleaf.

## Project so far

As you may be aware, we have carried out investigation work along the preferred cable route to locate existing underground utility services and assess ground conditions.

We have used our findings from this to identify suitable locations beneath roads for the new cable and to inform the environmental assessment.

## Environmental assessment

Under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, Ausgrid is the determining authority for this project. As part of this process, an environmental assessment (known as a Review of Environmental Factors, or **REF**) has been prepared to assess the potential environmental impacts associated with the installation, operation, and maintenance of the new cable.

## Have your say

The REF is on exhibition until 10 October 2022. You may view it on our webpage at [ausgrid.com.au/waterloo-surryhills](https://ausgrid.com.au/waterloo-surryhills).

All feedback will be considered prior to the project being assessed for approval.

## Community feedback

Since our last newsletter, we have continued liaising with the community and key stakeholders about the project, including seeking feedback on the preferred cable route and construction process.

Thank you to those who provided feedback. This has helped inform the planning approvals process. Feedback can be viewed within the REF.

Detailed information about the construction, operation and maintenance of the new cables along with measures to mitigate potential impacts are also included in the REF.

## Next steps

Following the REF exhibition period, Ausgrid will review and consider all submissions. A summary report will be prepared and published on the project's webpage. Pending this review, the project will be determined for approval.

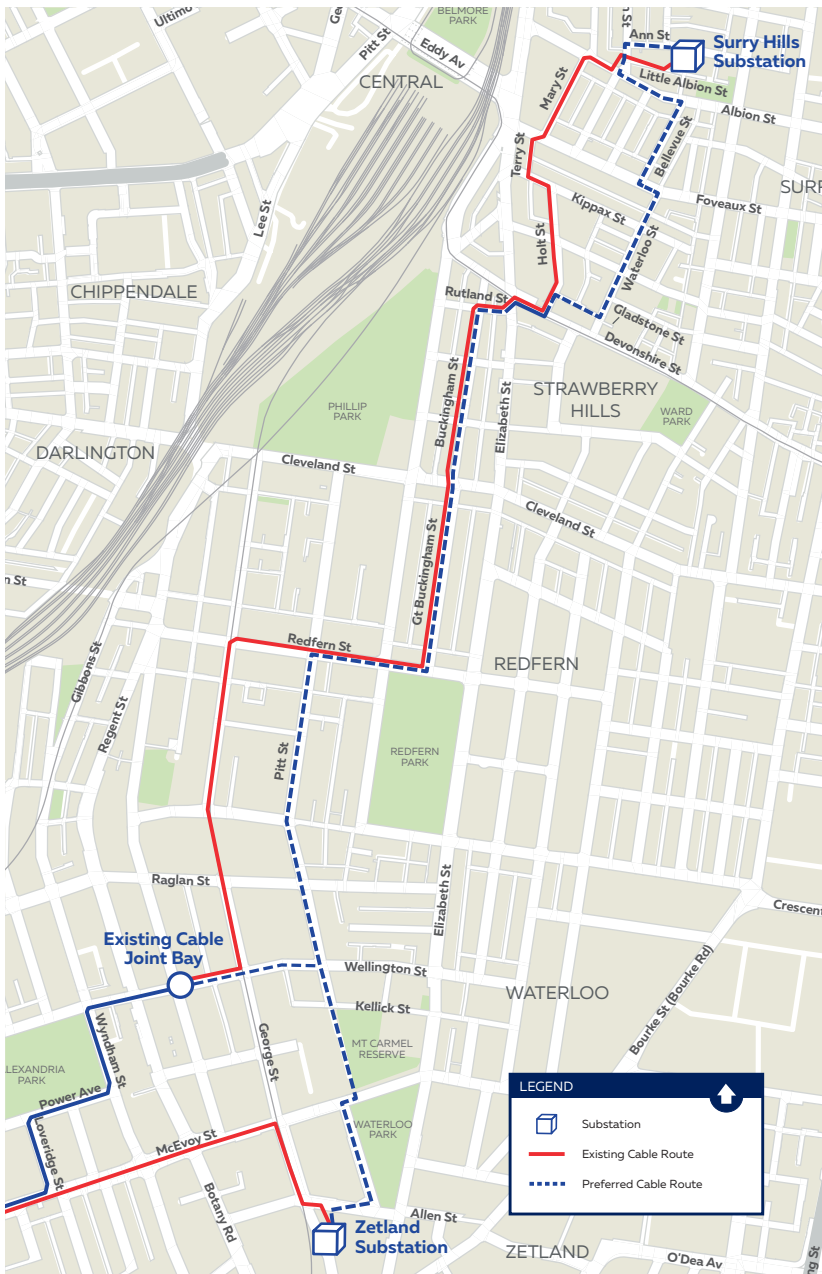
Subject to determination, construction is proposed to start in early 2023 and take up to 12 months to complete.

## Keeping you informed

Properties along the preferred cable route will receive further updates as the project progresses. This will include details on what to expect during construction. The latest project information will also be available on the project webpage.

If you would like to receive project updates via email, please 'opt-in' by sending an email with your details to [majorprojects@ausgrid.com.au](mailto:majorprojects@ausgrid.com.au) with the subject title "Waterloo to Surry Hills Cable Project".

## Preferred route



## Project timeline

The timeline provides an overview of the project and community engagement stages.

### Key dates

- **Mid 2021 – February 2022**  
Investigating route options and obtaining community and stakeholder feedback
- **February 2022 – August 2022**  
Feedback used by Ausgrid to refine construction plans. Site investigations.
- **September 2022 – October 2022**  
Review of Environmental Factors (REF) on public display
- **Late 2022**  
Project approved for detailed design and construction, contractor appointed, and construction program prepared
- **Early 2023**  
Detailed design and start of construction
- **Mid – Late 2023**  
Installing cables and connect new cable to the existing network
- **2024**  
Retire existing cables

## Contacting us

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