



# Letter to residents

Dear resident,

## Construction date set for the Ballarat East Zone Substation

In 2023, we announced plans to build a zone substation at 203 York Street, Ballarat East.

This month, we will start building the essential electrical infrastructure that will provide reliability and safety benefits to 82,000 homes and businesses across the region.

Below is an update on the construction timeline, what to expect during works, and details of the exterior fence design.

### When is construction starting?

**We will start work at the site in the week beginning 14 July 2025.**

While the zone substation is expected to be operating by early 2026, work will continue until mid-2026 as we complete landscaping and other activities.

### What time will construction occur?

- Most construction will occur from **7am to 6pm Monday to Friday**.
- Some work will occur on weekends between **8am and 4pm**. Any weekend work will generally be less disruptive than weekday activities.
- Occasionally we may need to conduct night work. If this occurs, we will notify neighbouring properties in advance.

### What to expect during construction?

- Works will include completing earthworks, laying foundations and installing and testing new electricity infrastructure.
- In the first eight weeks, we will be setting up the site and completing earthworks, including site grading, placing and compacting soil to establish final ground levels and drainage and sewer works. We will be using excavators, tipper trucks, rollers and other machinery to move and bring in soil and other materials.
- You may notice more activity in the area, with increased noise, machinery and vehicle movements.
- We will take steps to minimise disruption as much as possible, however you may notice an increase in noise and traffic.

- Construction access to site will be via York Street and the small 'no through' road at the corner of Callow Street and Larter Street.
- Pedestrian access will be maintained where possible but there may be times when we need to temporarily adjust access for safety reasons. We will provide advance notice and clear signage if this happens.
- Powercor crews and authorised contractors will carry out the work.

### What will the exterior fence look like?

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback on the fencing design. Our architects used your input to create a design that reflects Ballarat's heritage.

The fence will be painted in Pale Eucalypt (green) and Evening Haze (neutral), with some areas available for painted murals. It will feature modern perforated panels showcasing distinct patterns and pictures celebrating the local area. It will incorporate images of the gold rush era, the Eureka Stockade flag, some of Ballarat's heritage buildings, Lake Wendouree and other local icons.



The fence will vary in height, from 3.1 to 3.5 metres, and will include soft low-level feature lighting to create a subtle effect at night. A range of native shrubs will be planted around the fence.



### Keeping you informed

We are finalising the landscaping design and look forward to sharing it with the community in coming months. We are also reviewing the top ideas for the Community Benefit Fund and will soon announce the community's chosen project.

We will provide nearby residents with monthly updates about the progress of works.

You can also visit our website for the latest updates: [powercor.com.au/ballarateastzss](http://powercor.com.au/ballarateastzss) or contact us at [majorprojects@powercor.com.au](mailto:majorprojects@powercor.com.au) or on **13 22 06**.

We appreciate your patience as we complete this essential work.



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