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AIP Plan reference code:

Australian Industry Participation Plan Summary - Project Phase

**Nominated project proponent:** AUSNET TRANSMISSION GROUP PTY LTD

**Other project proponent(s):** AUSTRALIAN ENERGY MARKET OPERATOR LIMITED

Project details

Name: Western Renewables Link

Location: Central and western Victoria between Bulgana and Sydenham

Type: Other productive facility

Purpose: Establish new facility

Capital expenditure: $500 million or more

Description: The Western Renewables Link (WRL) is a proposed new 190km overhead high-voltage electricity transmission line that will carry renewable energy from Bulgana in western Victoria to Sydenham in Melbourne’s north-west. The proposed project includes the redevelopment of two terminal stations, Bulgana terminal station and Sydenham terminal station to support the new transmission lines and protection, control, monitoring, communications system modifications at existing terminal stations surrounding the route of the proposed new line. The project is critical infrastructure required to unlock the renewable energy potential of western Victoria as a key Renewable Energy Zone and will help to deliver clean and affordable energy to all Victorians. AusNet intends to select and engage a main construction partner who will have primary responsibility for the procurement of goods and services in relation to the Project. A separate construction partner is intended to be selected for the redevelopment of Sydenham terminal station. Under AusNet’s proposed agreements, the construction partners will be contractually required to comply with the AIP Plan. The anticipated timeframe for the engagement of the construction partners is late 2024 with the potential for advanced procurement activities to commence 2025.

Completion date: 31 Jul 2027

Key goods and services

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

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| **Key goods and services** | **Opportunities for Australian entities\*** | **Opportunities for  non-Australian  entities** | **Explanation for no**  **opportunities for Australian  entities** |

Conductor / OPGW / GW Supply Yes Yes

Insulator supply Yes Yes

Line Hardware supply Yes Yes

Minor Substation Equipment Yes Yes

Earthing Strap i.e., copper Yes Yes

Phase Shifting Transformers Yes Yes

Power Transformers Yes Yes

Current Transformers Yes Yes

Shunt Reactors Yes Yes

Tower Steel Supply Yes Yes

Synchronous Condensers Yes Yes

Steel Fabrication Yes Yes

Accommodation Facilities Yes Yes

Fuel and Oil Supply (Diesel, Petrol, Lubricants) Yes No

Quarry Products Yes Yes

Concrete Supply Yes No

Tools, PPE and Consumables Yes Yes

Accommodation (non-camp) (existing Yes Yes

facilities)

Catering/Food Supplies Yes Yes

Civil works (clearing & grubbing, access Yes No

tracks, laydown and pad, road upgrades)

Cleaning and Housekeeping services Yes No

Concrete placement Yes Yes

Plant hire (including cranes) Yes No

Plant and Equipment Maintenance Yes No

Design and Engineering Services Yes Yes

Fencing Yes Yes

Transport and Logistics Services Yes Yes

Insurance brokerage Yes Yes

Security Services Yes No

Steel Galvanising Yes Yes

Survey Yes No

Traffic Management Yes Yes

Trades - General Labour Yes Yes

Trades - Concreting Yes Yes

Trades - Steel fixing Yes Yes

Trades - Steel assembly Yes Yes

Trades - Rigging Yes Yes

Trades - Lineworker– Transmission Yes Yes

Trades - Electricians – Industrial Yes Yes

Trades - Electrical & Mechanical Fitter Yes Yes

Trades - Electrical Testing Yes Yes

Trades - Vegetation Management Yes Yes

Trades - Various specialist services including, Yes Yes

enviro., geotech, noise, etc.

Trades - Waste Management (Specialised) Yes Yes

\*An Australian entity is an entity with an ABN or ACN   
Project standards:

Australian   
International

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Supplier information and communication

Project proponent’s contact person for supplier enquiries:

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**Contact person position** Senior Project Procurement Manager

**Phone number** 0419966550

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Project proponent website: https://www.westernrenewableslink.com.au/

Project opportunities website: <https://www.westernrenewableslink.com.au/benefits/#business-register>

Supplier engagement and communication actions :

Promote project opportunities through industry associations

Engage with vendor identification agencies on project opportunities and bid processes   
Conduct supplier information briefings on project opportunities and bid processes   
Develop and distribute a supplier information guide for the project

Building Australian industry capability

Supplier capability development actions:

Recommend suppliers undertake training and/or accreditation   
Provide market intelligence to suppliers

Global supply chain integration actions:

Facilitate strategic partnering and joint ventures between Australian and international suppliers Feedback process for unsuccessful bidders:

Unsuccessful bidders will be provided with a notice of unsuccessful bid after the award of the contract. AusNet or the appropriate construction partner will offer the unsuccessful bidders the opportunity to provide feedback regarding their capability and capacity to help them to address shortfalls within their submissions, including recommendations of relevant training, skills, capability, and capacity development. It is intended that successful bidders will work with AusNet and its key delivery partners to ensure these suppliers also improve their capability and capacity as required for the project.

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Australian Industry Participation Plan Summary - Operations Phase

**Nominated facility operator:** AUSNET TRANSMISSION GROUP PTY LTD

Facility details

Name: Western Renewables Link

Location: Central and western Victoria between Bulgana and Sydenham

Type: Other productive facility

Key goods and services

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

**Opportunities for**

**Australian entities \***

**Opportunities for   
non-Australian   
entities**

**Explanation for no opportunities for Australian entities**

**Key goods and services**

Generic Materials and Yes Yes

Components

General Services Contracts Yes Yes

Spare Parts Yes Yes

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Facility standards:

Australian   
International

Supplier information and communication

Facility operator’s contact person for supplier enquiries:

**Contact person name** Mahesh Adikaram

**Contact person position** Director, Commercial and Finance (WRL)

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Facility operator website: https://www.ausnetservices.com.au/

Facility opportunities website: <https://www.ausnetservices.com.au/about/suppliers>

Supplier engagement and communication actions :

Promote project opportunities through industry associations

Engage with vendor identification agencies on project opportunities and bid processes Conduct supplier information briefings on project opportunities and bid processes Develop and distribute a supplier information guide for the project

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Building Australian industry capability

Supplier capability development actions:

Recommend suppliers undertake training and/or accreditation   
Provide market intelligence to suppliers

Global supply chain integration actions:

Facilitate strategic partnering and joint ventures between Australian and international suppliers Feedback process for unsuccessful bidders:

Unsuccessful bidders will be provided with a notice of unsuccessful bids after the award of the contract. It is intended that AusNet or the appropriate O&M Delivery Partner/s will provide feedback to the unsuccessful bidders which will include recommendations of relevant training, skills, capability and capacity development.

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