



## Australian Jobs Act 2013

AIP Plan reference code:

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# Australian Industry Participation Plan Summary - Project Phase

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**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

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

<b>Key goods and services</b>	<b>Opportunities for Australian entities*</b>	<b>Opportunities for non-Australian entities</b>	<b>Explanation for no opportunities for Australian entities</b>
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 facilities)	Yes	Yes	
Catering / Food Supplies	Yes	Yes	
Civil works (clearing & grubbing, access tracks, laydown and pad, road upgrades)	Yes	No	
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, enviro., geotech, noise, etc.	Yes	Yes	
Trades - Waste Management (Specialised)	Yes	Yes	

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

Project standards:

Australian  
International

## Supplier information and communication

Project proponent's contact person for supplier enquiries:

**Contact person name** Daniel McKenna  
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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.

# Australian Industry Participation Plan Summary - Operations Phase

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**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:

Key goods and services	Opportunities for Australian entities*	Opportunities for non-Australian entities	Explanation for no opportunities for Australian entities
Generic Materials and Components	Yes	Yes	
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:

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

Supplier engagement and communication actions :

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### 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.