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## Healesville Powerline Replacement Work Gets Underway

AusNet Services is about to begin works in parts of Healesville and Badger Creek to replace and relocate about 15 kilometers of high voltage powerlines, to reduce bushfire risk and improve supply reliability.

The works are being completed by regional electricity distributor AusNet Services, as part of the Victorian Government's Powerline Replacement Fund bushfire mitigation initiative.

The two areas involved in the latest works are:-

- Maroondah Highway (between Silverleaf Place and Road 1), parts of Juliet Crescent, Graceburn Avenue, Wallace Parade, and McKenzie Avenue, Mt Riddell Rd (between Don Rd and Romeo Rd) and Thomas Rd (between Campbell Rd and Wallace Pde.) and;
- Badger Weir Rd (between Don Road and Road One), Don Road (between Badger Weir Rd and Malleson's lookout Reserve), and parts of Garibaldi St, Omonia Drive, and Old Don Rd

The work primarily involves replacing existing 'bare wire' high voltage powerlines with insulated underground, overhead or spacer cables.

Affected customers are being notified directly, and consultations are taking place with land owners where works are planned to occur on their land. There may be some planned power interruptions for these customers while the works take place.

Preliminary works began at the end of October, and major works will be completed between November and March 2017.

Project Manager, Ian Debney, says the works will make an important contribution to bushfire prevention.

"These areas are among those targeted by the Government because of the risk and potential impact of bushfires in this region.

Mobile message boards will be used on the Maroondah Highway, and when required, traffic management will be in place.

"We ask all drivers in the area to be watchful while the works are underway, and we thank the affected residents for their cooperation and patience while the project is completed," he said.

As well as improving safety, the works should reduce the impact of branches and trees falling on lines and causing power outages.

"The powerline replacements in other areas of the Dandenong Ranges and Upper Yarra Valley are already enhancing network safety and reliability of supply for residents and businesses by reducing the interference from vegetation and animals, and Healesville residents can look forward to similar benefits" Mr Debney said.

Further information is available by:-

- Ringing AusNet Services on 1300 362 026
- Emailing [pbsp@ausnetservices.com.au](mailto:pbsp@ausnetservices.com.au); or
- Visiting [www.ausnetservices.com.au/Electricity/Our+Projects/Powerline+Bushfire+Safety+Program.html](http://www.ausnetservices.com.au/Electricity/Our+Projects/Powerline+Bushfire+Safety+Program.html)

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