

COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION – 2025/21 FEB

Ecological and Road Surveys

Late February/March 2025

EnergyAustralia is investigating the feasibility of a utility-scale pumped hydro energy storage project on land it owns near Lithgow in New South Wales and preparing an Environmental Impact Statement.

Why are these studies being done?

In January 2025, further specialist technical studies were undertaken for the project's Environmental Impact Statement by ecologists working for EMM Consulting. Ecologists were surveying for the Southern Myotis Bat and assessing the Gang-Gang Cockatoo breeding period.

To finalise these technical studies and survey work, ecologists will revisit Magpie Hollow Road, the Lake Lyell foreshore and part of Sir Thomas Mitchell Drive during the day and night, weather permitting.

In addition, land surveyors will be undertaking measurements in the road easement along Magpie Hollow Road.



Southern Myotis Bat



Gang-Gang Cockatoo

Where, when, and what

24– 28 February* and 10-14 March and 27 March

(Locations in blue on map)

Tree hollow surveys, nest tree searches (raptors), Gang-Gang Cockatoo surveys, bat-call-detector survey, spotlighting and owl call-playback surveys along Magpie Hollow Road. Vegetation surveys and threatened plant survey along Magpie Hollow Road, bat-call-detector survey along Magpie Hollow Road, north of Old Bathurst Road.

24– 28 February* (Location in red on map)

Bat-call-detector survey for Southern Myotis in up to 5 locations around the foreshore of Lake Lyell on EnergyAustralia land.

24 Feb to mid March*

(Location in orange triangles on map)

Land surveyors will take measurements along the whole of Magpie Hollow Road between Lilyvale Dam at Lake Lyell and the intersection to Great Western Highway. (*) subject to weather

How will this impact me?

No access to private property is needed and no noise impacts are expected.

Local residents may see vehicles parked nearby these locations on Magpie Hollow Road and Sir Thomas Mitchell Drive during this period.

Should you see vehicles parked nearby, keep an eye out for people undertaking surveys and support them to undertake their work safely.

To receive notifications via text and/or email send your name, address and contact details to: community@energyaustralia.com.au

Need more information? If you have a question about these works, please don't hesitate to contact us.

✉ community@energyaustralia.com.au or call 1800 574 947 or visit EnergyAustralia Project HQ, 124 Main Street Lithgow.



←To Lake Lyell

Picture 1: Map showing work locations

To Lithgow →