

Whitsunday Network Upgrade Project - Construction Notice



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What we are doing

As part of the Whitsunday Network Upgrade Project, we will be conducting works in and around the Airlie Beach Lagoon Central Car Park from Monday 28 August to Saturday 16 September.

These works will involve the installation of a steel pipe enveloper across Airlie Creek, next to the side of the pedestrian footbridge, and open-cut trenching and the installation of conduits across the car park to the grassed area adjacent to the Lagoon (near Whitsunday on the Beach Holiday Units) where an underground cable joint bay will be located (as per Figure 1).



Fig 1 – Excavation route for the Foreshore Central Car Park area.



Fig 2 – Contractors installing lengths of conduit.

The conduits and steel pipe will house the new underground 66,000-volt electricity cable, which will join up with the sections of conduit already installed along the Airlie Beach Foreshore.

Our project team has identified the underground services within the area and established an appropriate trenching route accordingly.

The works will require a temporary closure of a portion of the car park, footpath, as well as the pedestrian bridge, to ensure the safety of our contractors and the public. Traffic and pedestrian management controls will be in place, and we ask that the public follow any direction given.

We understand that the Foreshore is a busy location, popular with tourists and locals alike. We will continue to work closely with Whitsunday Regional Council to plan our works around visitor peaks like school holiday periods and major events, to reduce the impact of our works on the community and foreshore visitors.

What to expect

During these works, pedestrians, residents, visitors, road/car park users, and nearby businesses can expect the following:

Impacts associated with these works include:

- **Temporary closure of the car park, footpath, and pedestrian bridge**, with traffic and pedestrian management controls in place. For your safety and the safety of the workers on site, **please follow any direction given**.
- An **increase in vehicular traffic** in the area, with excavation plant and heavy vehicles, including trucks, working in and around the works site.
- **Audible noise, dust and localised vibration** during the works.
- **Some of the businesses/shops** located near the Lagoon, will be accessible via their alternate entrance on Main Street only during the works (signage will be in place).
- Some **plants will be removed temporarily** from the Lagoon gardens to allow for the excavation works; however, **on completion of the works, all areas will be reinstated, with the plants replanted, new grass and bitumen laid, and new concrete footpaths installed**.
- **Reversing beepers and flashing lights** are a safety requirement and **will always be used** during works.

Thank you for your patience while we complete these important upgrades to the electricity network across the Whitsundays.

Please note that all works are subject to weather and other site conditions and published timing may change.



Getting in touch with us

To keep up to date on the project, to provide feedback, or to **register for future updates via email or SMS**, scan the QR code or visit our project web page [Whitsundays network upgrade - Ergon Energy](#). You can also contact our Senior Advisor Community Engagement, Lorelei van Dalen on 1300 495 565 or email us at: NetworkProjectEngagement@energyq.com.au

