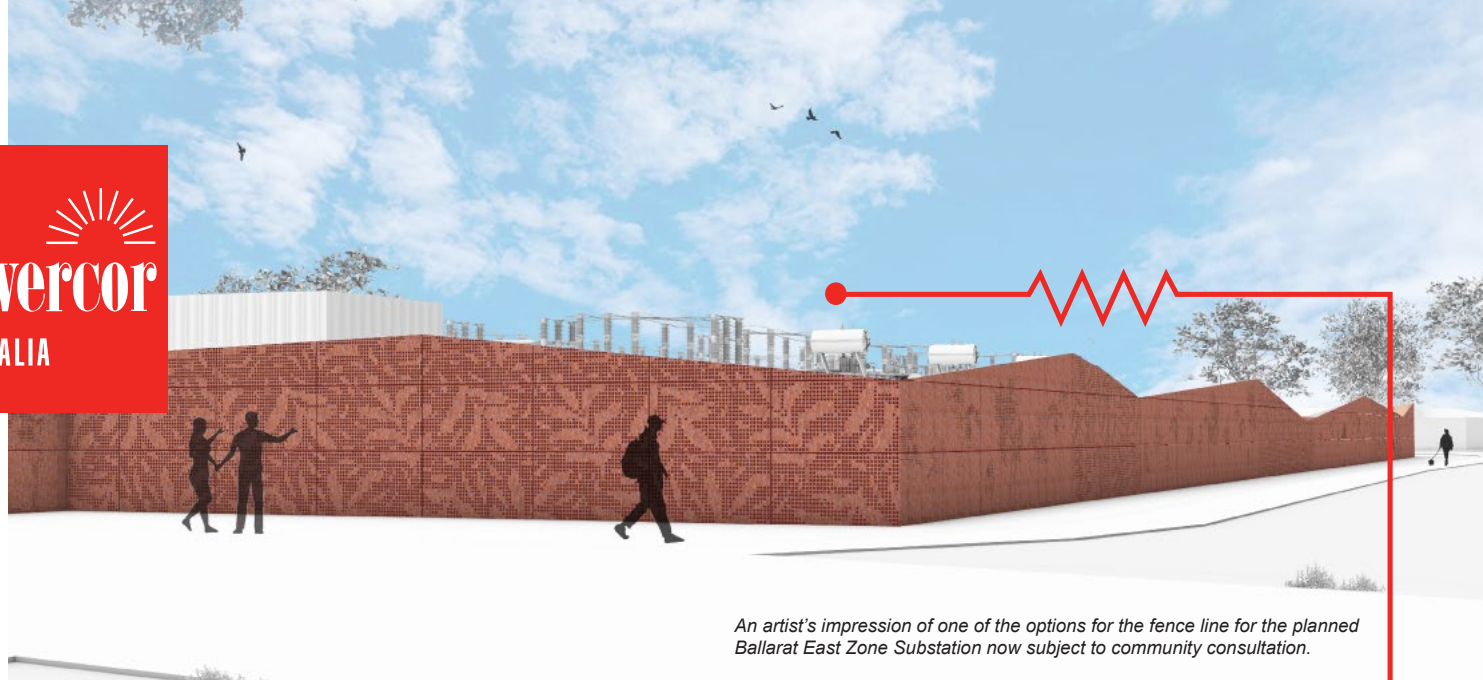




An artist's impression of one of the options for the fence line for the planned Ballarat East Zone Substation now subject to community consultation.

September 2024

Ballarat East Zone Substation Community Update

Dear Resident,

We are pleased to share the latest developments on the Ballarat East Zone Substation project. As we move closer to the construction phase, we want to keep you informed about what to expect and how your feedback is shaping the project.

Construction update

Construction for the Ballarat East Zone Substation is set to begin later this year, and we are committed to keeping you updated throughout the process.

The first stage of construction will include installing a safety fence and excavation work. We will be installing infrastructure next year.

We will notify you of the exact start date before we begin work.

Community drop-in sessions

Sovereign Park York Conference Room,
223 Main Road, Ballarat.

4pm – 6pm
Thursday,
10 October

10am – 12pm
Saturday,
12 October

Community co-design survey outcomes

Thank you to everyone who participated in our co-design survey. Your feedback is important and we have used it to guide our design process. Key insights include:

- Fencing colour: Preferences lean towards environmental colours that blend with the nearby landscape, inspired by local vegetation.
- Fencing pattern: Nature-inspired motifs and patterns were favoured, with a strong interest in incorporating local heritage elements.

- Fence height: There was a balanced split between varied and tall fence options, with the tall fence suggested to be between 4-6 metres high.
- Lighting: Minimalist design was preferred, with some openness to low light feature lighting on the fence.
- Landscaping: Native flora was favoured, highlighting the community's desire for as much planting as allowable.
- Historical and cultural elements: There is strong interest in incorporating local history and heritage into the design, potentially through collaboration with local historical societies or artists.

Community Legacy Fund

We received great feedback and over 30 ideas on how to best use the Community Legacy Fund, including a strong desire to beautify the site with planting, artwork, and lighting. These ideas have been categorised into themes for our evaluation, shortlisting and assessment.

At the upcoming drop-in sessions, we will present the shortlisted options for the fund, allowing the community to vote and influence which initiatives will be prioritised. Your participation is important in helping us finalise these projects.

Community Solar Fund

The expression of interest period for the Community Solar Fund has been extended until **31 March 2025**. If your property is located within 100 metres of the zone substation and you have yet to apply, you will receive another letter from us advising of your eligibility.

Stay Informed

We will continue to provide updates and opportunities for you to engage as the project progresses. For more information or to participate in upcoming sessions, please visit our website **powercor.com.au/BallaratEastZSS** or contact us directly at **majorprojects@powercor.com.au** or call **13 22 06**.

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