

KEY UPDATES

16 JANUARY 2020



From an initial total of 7,500 customers off supply, we now have 857 customers who are experiencing outages as a result of the bush fires. Yesterday we restored 140 customers (100 in North and 40 in East)

We are exploring opportunities for generation in areas with long estimated restoration times.

We have ~170 staff in the field continuing work on assessments, planning and construction.

IN THE NORTH

Last 24 hours

- Completed work on the Tintaldra to Cudgewa line, standing up 30 poles.
- Returned supply to parts of the Nariel Valley.
- Generators at Corryong and Walwa decommissioned, but remain in place as a backup.

Next 24 hours

- Most of major road network is due to be opened today. Traffic control resources increased to ensure safety of crews in increasing traffic.
- Potential to restore power to ~130 customers today. Construction work continuing from Tintaldra to Walwa and Towong, on the Jeremal and Taronga spurs and Nariel Valley.
- Asset inspection is now over 60% complete. Remaining areas to be completed by the weekend subject to access and terrain difficulty.

IN THE EAST

Last 24 hours

- Vegetation management crews got access to begin clearing trees around Genoa and Gipsy Point. This is anticipated to finish by Sunday night. Once safe access is available, construction crews will move in to begin work. They are aiming to restore power by 21/01/2020.

Next 24 hours

- Crews have moved into Mallacoota to commence replacement of 8 poles and minor construction to extend the reach of generation to more customers. Backup generator arriving into Mallacoota on Friday.
- Construction crews are starting works in Cobungra to replace 9 poles. Aiming to restore power to ~40 customers by 19/01/2020.
- Crews working on the Wulgulmerang line today. Aiming to restore ~80 customers by this evening.
- There is still no access to Combienbar and Club Terrace. Aerial patrol has identified approximately 26 poles damaged.

CHALLENGES

EPA advice issued for Moderate to Very Poor air quality across East Gippsland for Air Quality forecast (PM2.5). Currently it's Moderate but expected to deteriorate to Very Poor throughout the day.

Hazard trees remain a major concern throughout the East Gippsland fire area.

Victoria Police have advised that there is a major risk of cattle wandering across roads arising from the loss of fencing during the fires.

NEXT STEPS

Continuing restoration and community engagement continuing across East and North.

As noted previously, this information is dynamic and we are responding to changes as they occur.

BUSHFIRE OUTAGE SUMMARY BY TOWN

Estimated dates for power restoration for each community in these updates are dependent on there not being further adverse developments in fires, weather or other conditions. The safety of our employees and the community is our number one priority and this may impact work to restore power.

Location	Number of customers off	Access available	Expected power restoration date	Additional information
BUCHAN	1	Y	1/16/2020	Customers affected through Walgulmerang S/D, supply will be restored when restorations are complete
BUTCHERS RIDGE	16	Y	1/16/2020	
GELANTIPY	36	Y	1/16/2020	
MURRINDAL	5	Y	1/16/2020	Customers off supply will be on supply with W Tree
W TREE	8	Y	1/16/2020	
WULGULMERANG	17	Y	1/16/2020	Construction will follow after completion to Gelantipy
WULGULMERANG EAST	1	Y	1/16/2020	Construction will follow after completion to Gelantipy
CLIFTON CREEK	2	1/10/2020	1/16/2020	1 x S/S rebuilt, one to still complete
COBUNGRA	41	N	1/19/2020	Veg & Asset inspections complete, cutting to commence today. Planning for construction tomorrow, with construction commencing Friday. With predicted rain there is a concern regarding access, Great Alpine Rd is still closed and access to Cobungra is by Dry Gully Rd.
MOUNT HOTHAM	1	N	1/30/2020	Fire still active. Requires helicopter patrol. Could potentially be further impacted by fire. ETR estimated. To be removed and customer added to Cobungra.
OMEQ	4	1/8/2020	1/19/2020	Veg & Asset inspections complete, cutting to commence today. Planning for construction tomorrow, with construction commencing Friday. With predicted rain there is a concern regarding access, Great Alpine Rd is still closed and access to Cobungra is by Dry Gully Rd.
SARFIELD	8	Y	1/17/2020	Possible data issue
BONANG	2	N	TBC+3wks	Flown 9/1, Fire effected area will require ground assessment when safe. No road access available
GOONGERAH	18	N	TBC+3wks	Flown 9/1, Fire effected area will require ground assessment when safe. No road access available

GENOA	45	Y	1/21/2020	Veg & Asset inspection commencing today in Genoa and Gypsy Point, rapid inspection complete through easement to Mallacoota yesterday
GIPSY POINT	35	Y	1/21/2020	Veg & Asset inspection commencing today in Genoa and Gypsy Point, rapid inspection complete through easement to Mallacoota yesterday
MALLACOOTA	164	Y	1/20/2020	Replacement of 8 poles to commence today, one pole returned to service after inspection.
NOORINBEE	2	N	1/17/2020	Access issue, ETR needs to be updated
CLUB TERRACE	26	N	2/15/2020	No access east of Orbost, heli found 24 & 8 likely replacements, more expected. Significant damage. ETR estimated
COMBIENBAR	19	N	2/15/2020	No access east of Orbost, heli found 24 & 8 likely replacements, more expected. Significant damage. ETR estimated
JARRAHMOND	8	Y	1/16/2020	Pole is replaced, some minor construction to complete.
BURROWYE	35	Y	1/19/2020	Partial Aerial Control 2/1/2020. 3 poles down
GUYS FOREST	18		1/12/2020 1/17/2020	7 poles down EX SW 831929 & Guys Forrest
MOUNT ALFRED	25	Y	1/19/2020	Partial Aerial Control 2/1/2020. 3 poles down
THOLOGOLONG	4	Y	1/19/2020	Partial Aerial Control 2/1/2020. 3 poles down
COLAC COLAC	34		1/11/2020 1/19/2020	TBA
CORRYONG	41		1/11/2020 1/24/2020	Partially Burnt. Rapid Patrol of burnt areas to confirm ok for energisation
CUDGEWA	59		1/13/2020 1/19/2020	Approx 28 poles burnt in this zone. 3 additional poles require maintenance from asset inspection.
NARIEL VALLEY	43		1/13/2020 1/16/2020	4 poles down. 2 poles to be assessed
PINE MOUNTAIN	13		1/13/2020 1/17/2020	Patrolling Backbone only. 2 poles down
THOWGLA VALLEY	26		1/13/2020 1/17/2020	1 pole down
TINTALDRA	32		1/13/2020 1/17/2020	Patrolling Backbone only
TOWONG	18		1/13/2020 1/17/2020	Partially Burnt. Rapid Patrol of burnt areas to confirm ok for energisation
WALWA	50		1/13/2020 1/17/2020	