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Aurora to invest \$3m in North-West power supply upgrades

Aurora Energy will invest about \$3 million in five separate projects to upgrade power supply across the North-West Coast.

The projects will centre on Circular Head, the area inland of Burnie and Wynyard, Railton, Latrobe and Port Sorell.

Work will begin from the middle of January on a \$660,000 project to upgrade electrical infrastructure in the Circular Head district, improving the reliability of supply to Christmas Hills, Brittons Swamp, Togari, Redpa and Marrawah.

The project, which will take about six weeks to complete, includes the installation of some underground cable, new conductors and protection equipment and general maintenance of the electrical feeder.

Acting General Manager of Aurora's Network Division Bruce Amor said that some disruptions may occur on the Bass Highway west of Smithton to Togari, Dismal Swamp, Redpa and Marrawah.

"Due to the scale of the project there will be a large number of trucks and crews working on the Bass Highway west of Smithton," Mr Amor said.

"Traffic control measures will be in place to minimise the disruption to motorists and we thank residents in advance for their patience should they be inconvenienced by the work.

"Once completed, this work will significantly improve the reliability of power supply in these areas by resulting in fewer interruptions and improved restoration times."

Aurora crews will minimise power interruptions by working on live lines where possible. However, residents of Christmas Hills, Brittons Swamp, Togari, Redpa, Marrawah and Arthurs River will have a power interruption on Friday, 5 February between 10am and 2pm. All residents affected by the interruption will receive a notification card in their mail.

Meanwhile, work will also begin from the middle of January on a \$700,000 upgrade of supply to improve the reliability of power supply in Ridgley, West Ridgley, Tewkesbury, South Elliott, Yolla, Henrietta, Mt Hicks, Takone, Oldina, Calder and Preolenna.

This project, which will take about eight weeks to complete, includes the installation of some underground cable, protection realignment and general maintenance of the electrical feeder.

Other Aurora Energy infrastructure projects on the North-West include:

- Work will occur on a \$1.06m upgrade of electrical infrastructure between February and April 2010 to significantly improve reliability of supply in Railton and surrounding areas. Motorists and local residents are advised to expect traffic disruptions as trucks and crews work from the Railton substation along the Bass Highway to Sassafras to replace and relocate poles, install new equipment and clear vegetation.
- A \$240,000 upgrade in the Latrobe area is due for completion by the end of January. The work will improve the capacity and security of power supply in the Latrobe CBD to Bells Parade.
- Work over the past two months is nearing completion on a \$350,000 upgrade of electrical infrastructure to significantly improve reliability of supply to Port Sorell.

“Public notices providing further details on any disruptions to motorists will be placed in relevant newspapers over coming weeks,” Mr Amor said.

Members of the public who have any questions in relation to these power upgrades can phone Aurora on 132 004.

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