



We undertake this role as a Regulator under the NSW Electricity Infrastructure Investment Act 2020 (EII Act). Between 2022 and 2024, NSW Energy Corporation (EnergyCo) undertook a competitive assessment process to select a network operator for the main Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone network project (CWO REZ network project).



NSW has reached a significant milestone in the renewable energy rollout, with the Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) transmission project securing planning approval. It is the first REZ in Australia to achieve this critical step, paving the way for the construction of essential transmission infrastructure to connect large-scale



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The project. The Central-West Orana (CWO) REZ is approximately 20,000 square kilometres located in central NSW and centred by Dubbo and Dunedoo. It is designed to initially deliver 4.5 gigawatts of network capacity utilising generation from solar, wind and energy storage, with capacity to increase to 6 GW by 2038.



NSW is one step closer to unlocking at least three gigawatts of new renewable energy generation capacity following the release of the scoping report for the Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) transmission project.



The Central-West Orana REZ will unlock more than 3,000 MW of new electricity generation by the mid-2020s, enough to power around 1.3 million homes and will represent at least \$4.5 billion in private investment. Construction is due to begin at the end of 2022 and the project is expected to provide 450 regional jobs.

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The Central-West Orana REZ is expected to: ???
Unlock at least 3,000 megawatts of new electricity capacity by the mid-2020s and \$5.2 billion in private sector investment into the Central-West Orana region. ??? Support around 3,900 construction jobs at its peak in the local region.