

Third round of borehole investigations mark next major step for Lake Lyell Hydro

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Residents in the Lithgow region may notice an increase in project activity around Lake Lyell and Mount Walker from late August as Lake Lyell Hydro progresses with the third phase of geotechnical investigations.

Lake Lyell Hydro has engaged engineering and professional services company GHD to undertake six borehole investigations across existing investigation sites on Mount Walker and near the Farmers Creek arm of Lake Lyell.

The investigations will take place between **17 August and mid December 2026** and will provide critical information about ground conditions to support the ongoing design and planning of the Project.

Lake Lyell Hydro Project Director **Mike de Vink** said the investigation program was an important part of understanding site conditions and ensuring project design and planning is informed by robust technical data.

"The information gathered from the boreholes will help us better understand the geology and groundwater conditions across the project area, which in turn helps inform engineering design and future planning decisions," Mr de Vink said.

"Local residents and visitors may notice increased activity during this period, and we appreciate their patience while this work is carried out," Mr de Vink said.

Working hours are **6am and 6pm, seven days a week**, subject to weather, site access and operational requirements.

A range of specialist equipment will be used during the program, including drilling rigs, excavators, a barge and support boat, mobile cranes, water tankers, tipper trucks and four-wheel drive vehicles.

Residents may notice increased project-related traffic on several local roads around Lake Lyell and Mount Walker, including in Marrangaroo, South Bowenfels and Rydal.

Temporary traffic management measures may be required when larger vehicles are manoeuvring on public roads and access to the lakefront at the bottom of Bloody Cutting Road will be temporarily restricted until work is completed.

Nearby residents and visitors may also hear intermittent noise from drilling equipment, machinery and vehicle movements, however activities will be undertaken during daytime working hours and are not expected to cause significant disruption.

Mr de Vink said keeping the community informed remained a priority throughout the investigation program.

"We are committed to providing timely information about our activities and encouraging community members to contact us with any questions or feedback."

The community can visit the Project website at lakelyellpumpedhydro.com.au to find out more or if they would like to speak to a Project team member they can phone 1800 574 947, email community@lakelyellpumpedhydro.com.au or visit Project HQ at 124 Main Street, Lithgow.

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