



SILVER CITY
ENERGY STORAGE

Silver City Energy Storage Centre **Project Update**

April to June 2025

Project Update:

The Project has received approval under the NSW environmental and planning legislation, with the Project being a State Significant Development with approval granted under Part 4 of the NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act). The Development Consent can be located on the Hydrostor website¹.

The Silver City Project team has recently engaged Worley as our designer (Engineer of Record) and to provide project management resources which will assist in progressing the Project to financial close.

¹ <https://hydrostor.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/SSD-Instrument-of-Consent-Silver-City-Energy-Storage-System.pdf>

Business & Industry Engagement Sessions:

Hydrostor recently hosted two local business and industry engagement sessions at the Broken Hill Pub. These sessions were well-attended both in-person and online via webinar, which shows the level of interest and commitment to this Project from the Far West community.

If you missed these sessions please visit the Hydrostor website² where you will be able to view the recording of the session.



² <https://hydrostor.ca/projects/silver-city-energy-storage-center/>

Hydrostor Executive Visits:

During March some of Hydrostor's senior executives from Canada, Ireland, and the U.S. visited Broken Hill to gain a greater understanding of the town and how our Project will work with the local community and businesses.

During the visit the executives met with some of the students from the Clontarf Academy attending Broken Hill High School. Hydrostor has a partnership with the Clontarf Foundation, a not-for-profit organisation that exists to improve the education, self-esteem, life skills, and employment prospects of young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men.



The partnership enables Hydrostor staff to engage with Indigenous youth from the Broken Hill Clontarf Academy and gain an understanding of the challenges they face



Introducing our Senior Vice President Project Execution:

Andrew Barton recently joined the Hydrostor team as our SVP Project Execution. Andrew is responsible for the overall development and delivery of the Silver City Project.

Andrew has over 30 years' experience as an executive project leader in global energy infrastructure projects, developing large-scale facilities including solar PV generation, energy storage systems, and HVDC transmission systems. Andrew brings with him a track record of successful delivery of projects with strong commitment to safety, regulatory, environmental and stakeholder relations, and he is excited to partner with the community to create great outcomes on the Project.



Roy Butler MP Site Visit:

On Thursday 13 March, our Senior Vice President of Origination, Martin Becker, met with Mr. Roy Butler MP at the site of Hydrostor's proposed development.

This meeting provided an opportunity for discussion about the importance of the Silver City Energy Storage facility to the economic future of Broken Hill. The Project will form the foundation of a mini-grid, which will connect Silver City and the renewable resources in the region, ensuring reliable power for days or even weeks in case of an outage.



Cultural Heritage Workshop:

During March, members of the Broken Hill Local Aboriginal Land Council, Wilyakali PBC, and Barkandji PBC were invited to participate in a Cultural Heritage Workshop for the project.

This workshop was hosted by the Silver City Project team with representatives from NGH, our Environmental and Cultural Heritage consultants, and GIRA, our First Nations Advisory consultants.

This workshop will help guide the next steps for the Project in relation to Cultural Heritage and Archaeological Salvage works, which include digging a number of test pits on the proposed project site, inclusive of the transmission line route.

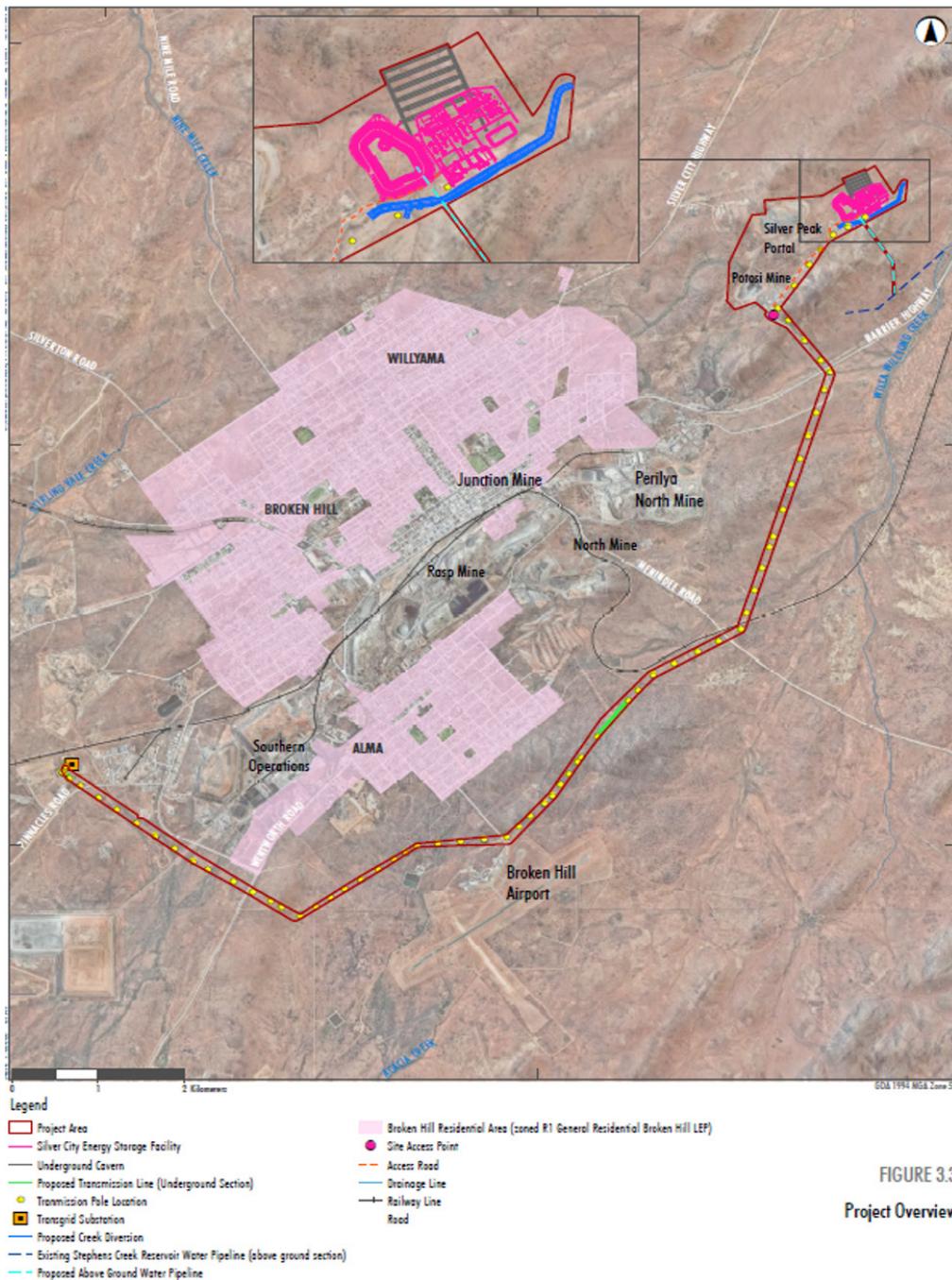
A test pit is a small hole of approximately 1 metre, that archaeologists dig carefully to find artefacts or cultural items. These items tell us stories about the past, including where and how people lived long ago. Test pits can be dug in small open spaces, or even gardens, and help to build a picture of how communities looked many years ago.

Geotechnical Investigations:

During April/May there will be some shallow geotechnical investigations along the transmission route of the project. The transmission line route is approximately 16km in length and will pass between South Broken Hill and the airport connecting to the existing Transgrid substation on Pinnacles Road.

This investigation work will be undertaken by SMEC and will provide detailed information regarding the ground conditions along the transmission route which will assist in reducing disturbance and informing the methodology for the installation of the transmission towers.

See the image below of our transmission route:



Community “Drop-in for a Coffee” Sessions:

Our stakeholder and permitting manager will be hosting some drop-in sessions at local coffee shops late April/early May. Keep an eye out on Hydrostor’s website and in the Broken Hill Times for further information on these sessions. Community members will be able to drop in and have a chat, and learn the latest information on the Silver City Project.



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