

# Swallow Tail Battery

## How the project has changed, and why.



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Good project development is not a straight line. Early concepts are tested against real site conditions, regulatory requirements, and community feedback.

For the Swallow Tail Battery, that process has led to meaningful design changes.

This document explains how the project evolved from an early concept into a more informed layout through planning studies, site assessments, stakeholder engagement, and technical refinement.

The intent of this update is to show not only what changed, but why those changes occurred and how community and stakeholder feedback was considered in the development process.

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1 PRINCIPLE

Design refinement is part of responsible development.

For a battery project, an early concept enables feasibility studies. Detailed assessments then test whether the concept is safe, practical, commercially viable and minimally impactful. The results of these assessments inform design iterations leadings. That is what has happened with the Swallow Tail Battery.

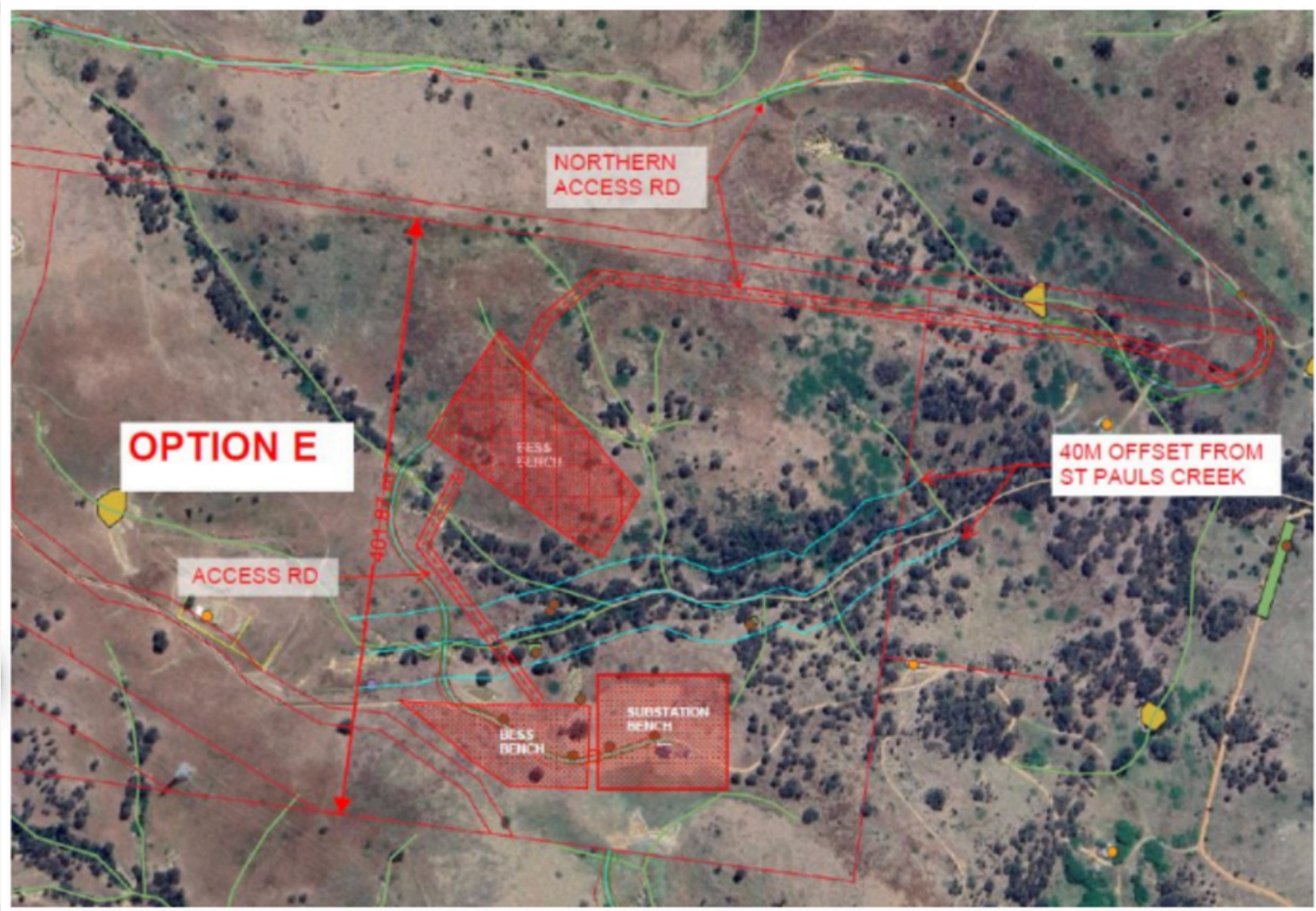
To inform the Projects Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), the project has undertaken varied environmental, technical and social assessments. These assess potential impacts and help determine things such as where infrastructure could sit, how vehicles could access the site, and how the Project should connect near Bannaby substation.

The current proposed Project is the result of refinement informed by planners, environmental specialists, engineers, TransGrid, councils, government agencies, landholders, neighbours, and community stakeholders. It reflects a more informed design response rather than a fixed early concept, and it shows how technical evidence and stakeholder feedback were considered together.



CURRENT PROJECT DESIGN

Option E — Preferred Layout



Schematic illustration of the layered decision-making process. Not a site plan.

DECISION-MAKING PHASES

From concept to preferred design

2024

**SEARS ISSUED & EARLY CONCEPT**

Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements were issued and early concept development began.

2025

**PLANNING STUDIES & DESIGN CHANGES**

Studies tested across the site; environmental, engineering, access and stakeholder inputs progressively refined the layout.

2026

**PREFERRED LAYOUT IDENTIFIED**

Option E preferred after optioneering and constructability review; TransGrid interface coordinated for the EIS.

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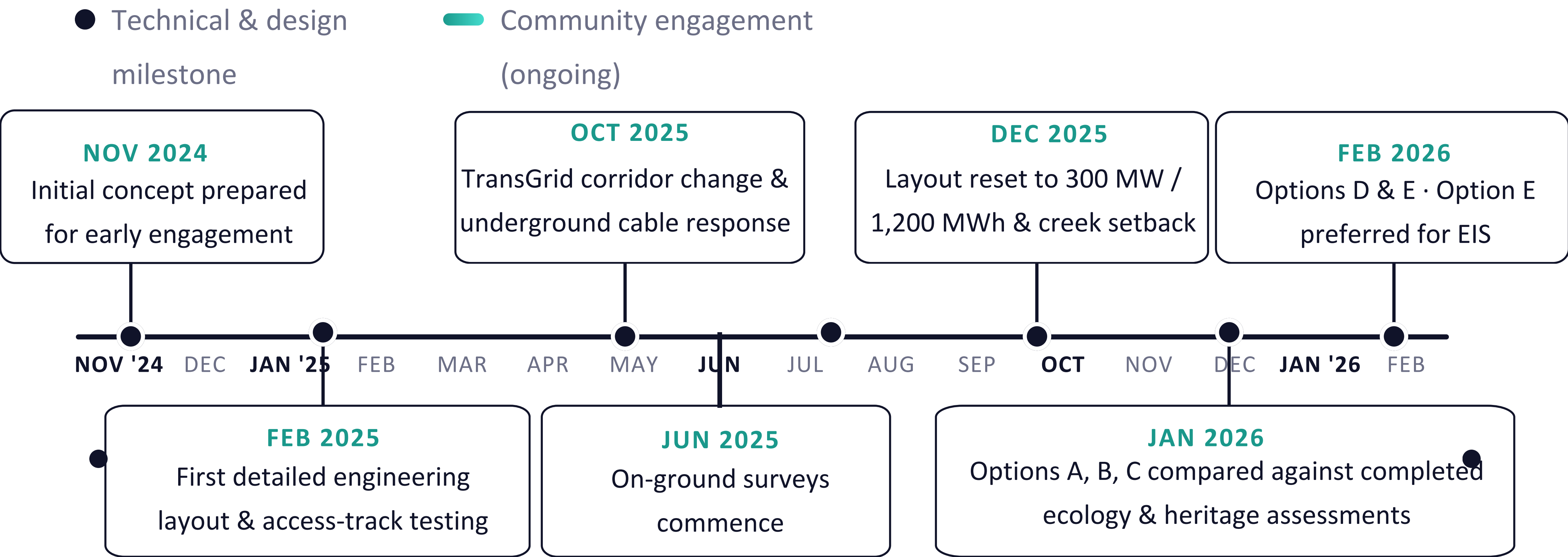
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2 TIMELINE OF CHANGE

Technical changes and community engagement, happening together.

From late 2024 to early 2026 the project moved from a broad concept into a site specific and sympathetic design. Each technical milestone (marked above the line ) happened while engagement. The below timeline shows how technical milestones have been complimented by continuous engagement with neighbours, landholders, council, agencies and the wider Taralga community was continuously underway below the line. The two informed each other throughout.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT — ONGOING

MEETINGS · PHONE CALLS · WRITTEN UPDATES · COMMUNITY SESSIONS · COUNCIL & AGENCY DISCUSSIONS JUN 2025 – APR 2026

1,914 recorded interactions

The design did not change, then get reviewed by the community. Technical assessment and community engagement ran in parallel. Feedback on access, road safety, water, fire, housing and benefits shaped the studies that drove each layout change.

WHY IT MATTERS

The project should respond to technical constraints, stakeholder concerns and planning requirements together. Option E reflects a stronger balance across environmental, engineering and community drivers.

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3 COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

What you told us — and how it has been considered.

Throughout engagement, neighbours, landholders, community members, councils, agencies, and regional stakeholders raised practical concerns about access, road upgrades, safety, water, fire, housing pressure, environmental management, and coordination with surrounding infrastructure. Engagement included meetings, phone calls, written updates, community sessions, and discussions with council and other stakeholders.

1,914

TOTAL RECORDED INTERACTIONS

72

DESIGN SPECIFIC INTERACTIONS

12

MONTHS OF ENGAGEMENT

14

SITE VISITS AND DROP IN SESSIONS

|                                                         | WHAT WE HEARD                                                                                                                                                           | PROJECT RESPONSE                                                                                                                                                                                           | #  | DATES                |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|----------------------|
| Nearby neighbours & affected landholders                | Access routes, road condition, bridge capacity, heavy vehicle movement, property access, layout clarity, fencing, livestock movement, site operations, pest management. | Road upgrade needs under consideration; access logic refined to respond to land and construction constraints; clear communication in construction to convey upcoming logistics and allow feedback          | 43 | Jun 2025 – July 2026 |
| Host landowners                                         | Transport timing, road condition, construction interface planning.                                                                                                      | Transport timing continue to be reviewed as part of road design, route feasibility, and construction planning.                                                                                             | 7  | Jun 2025 – July 2026 |
| Community members & local attendees                     | Visual amenity, bushfire, local road impacts, underground connection, accommodation pressure, local jobs, broader project coordination.                                 | Design refinement, fire planning, connection planning and broader project development work have continued with these concerns in mind, including local traffic, safety and construction interface matters. | 15 | Aug 2025 – July 2026 |
| Community groups & local organisations                  | Consultation adequacy, project understanding, local benefit, grid connection questions.                                                                                 | Ongoing project information and engagement has been used to explain design evolution, connection planning, and how feedback is being considered as the project progresses.                                 | 2  | Aug 2025 + July 2026 |
| Council, planning & regional stakeholders               | Public-road upgrade standard, maintenance burden, housing pressure, cumulative project coordination, regional investment priorities.                                    | These issues have informed consideration of road design scope, construction interface planning, cumulative impact awareness, and broader project response planning.                                        | 5  | Aug 2025 – July 2026 |
| Emergency, environmental & land management stakeholders | Bushfire risk, lightning exposure, communications black spots, waste handling, catchment protection, water sourcing, pest control, rehabilitation resilience.           | These issues have informed project planning, management measures, and further technical work relating to fire, water, waste, communications, rehabilitation and operational resilience.                    | 8  | Aug 2025 – July 2026 |

