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Seaspray powers up as part of \$20 million upgrade project

Electricity work to improve supply for customers

Seaspray's electricity provider SP AusNet will be carrying out maintenance works to replace powerpoles and upgrade conductors to improve power supply in the area, as part of a \$20 million investment by the power company.

The works in Seaspray are part of SP AusNet's project to improve powerlines in 29 locations within eastern, central and northern Victoria, leading to an improved and more reliable electricity supply for SP AusNet customers.

SP AusNet spokesperson Sean Sampson said the energy company was committed to ensuring its electricity network was as reliable as possible, with this work set to improve power supply for over 500 premises in the area.

"Following routine powerline inspections, several spans of conductor and some powerpoles were identified as being able to be replaced, which is what our crews will be doing throughout March," Mr Sampson said.

"Seaspray residents may notice increased activity in Buckley Street, Seaspray Road, Main Road, Centre Road and Futcher Road as SP AusNet crews complete this work," he said.

While SP AusNet is seeking to limit the inconvenience to customers, it will be necessary to interrupt power supply to some customers in the area on certain days in March.

SP AusNet will be writing to advise customers of impending works that will affect their power supply.

"In order to minimise inconvenience to customers, we will use specialised construction techniques and make use of generators to complete as much of the project as possible without interrupting the electricity supply. However, due to the extensive nature of these works, and to ensure the projects are completed safely, interruptions will be required," Mr Sampson said.

All impacted customers will be notified in writing in advance of any work.

Mr Sampson said SP AusNet understood it was never a good time to be without power, but these upgrade works would ensure customers endured fewer unplanned power outages in the future.

"SP AusNet would like to thank customers for their patience and understanding while we carry out these vital upgrades," Mr Sampson said.

For more information about the project or the power outages, contact SP AusNet's Customer Service Centre on 1300 360 795.

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