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Investment to boost Nagambie electricity

Nagambie's electricity distributor, SP AusNet, will invest more than \$800,000 to upgrade infrastructure and improve electricity supply to Nagambie residents and surrounding areas.

SP AusNet spokesperson Joe Adamo said the upgrade, to replace existing high voltage cable over a distance of 7.2 kilometres, would allow for future growth in the area and would reduce strain on the electricity network on days of extreme heat.

"This upgrade is required to meet growing demands of the Nagambie community and is essential to efficiently manage the electricity network," Mr Adamo said.

While SP AusNet is seeking to limit the inconvenience to its customers, it will be necessary to conduct temporary interruptions to some customers. These interruptions will occur between Sunday 10 October and Thursday 21 October.

Mr Adamo said SP AusNet would be using generators wherever possible to reduce the need to have multiple long-term outages to customers.

"Due to the requirement for our crews to undertake the works over a three-week period, some customers may experience several intermittent short-term outages," he said.

Customers whose power supply will be interrupted, as well as customers being supplied by generators, will be advised in writing by SP AusNet well ahead of any planned work.

"We understand it's never a good time to be without power, but these upgrade works will ensure customers experience fewer unplanned power outages in the future," he said.

"SP AusNet would like to thank customers for their patience and understanding while we carry out this work," Mr Adamo said.

Mr Adamo said there would be six temporary outages required throughout the project – scheduled over a three week period on Tuesdays and Thursdays – designed for minimal disruption to the community.

"The temporary outages, as electricity switches from generator supply back to network supply, are designed to be no more than 15 minutes in duration at any one time," Mr Adamo said.

Residents in the vicinity of the upgrade works can expect some minor traffic disruptions and partial road closures. Measures put in place by SP AusNet to assist in maintaining the highest possible level of safety for its crews and residents.

For more information about the upgrade works, customers may contact SP AusNet's Customer Service Line on 1300 360 795.

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