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SP AusNet's \$20 million upgrade for Sandy Point Electricity work to improve supply to local residents

Sandy Point's electricity provider SP AusNet will shortly complete maintenance works to upgrade 17.8 km of powerlines that will improve power supply in the area as part of a \$20 million investment in infrastructure.

The upgrade works in Sandy Point, to be completed in February 2011, 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 Joe Adamo said the company had recently replaced 39 powerpoles in the area and was committed to ensuring its electricity network was as reliable as possible, with this new work set to improve power supply for around 848 local residents.

"Following routine powerline inspections in Sandy Point, 39 powerpoles were replaced in April and May 2010. 17.8 km of powerlines are scheduled to be replaced with work commencing 4 February 2011 and to be completed by 9 February 2011," he said.

"Sandy Point residents may notice some increased activity in Sandy Point Road and in the Sandy Point Township as crews work gradually to complete this work," he said.

In order to minimise inconvenience, specialised construction techniques and generators will be used to complete as much work as possible without needing to turn off the electricity supply to premises for a prolonged period.

Due to the extensive nature of these works, and to enable the works to be completed safely, interruptions to some power supply may be required from 4 to 9 February 2011.

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

Mr Adamo 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 Adamo said.

For more information about the project please contact SP AusNet's customer service line on **1300 360 795**.