

Borumba Pumped Hydro Project

Monthly Works Update

August 2026

Key works

Exploratory works are continuing across the Borumba Project area during August, including delivery of materials and machinery to site, environmental and cultural heritage surveys and geophysical investigations. Residents may notice increased heavy vehicle movements, changed traffic conditions and periodic traffic management on approved haulage routes.

Planned bushfire management burns may occur between August and October in and around the Borumba Project site near Jimna and Imbil. Residents may notice smoke in the area during these activities.

Kilcoy mobile office

Our Stakeholder Engagement, Communities and Legacies Team will be in Kilcoy for mobile office sessions at the Kilcoy Visitor Information Centre, 41 Hope Street, Kilcoy.

Tuesday 18 August 9:00am – 3:00pm

Please feel free to drop in or arrange a meeting via 1800 433 939 or borumba@qldhydro.com.au.

Road works on local roads

A reminder for motorists that Gympie Regional Council and Transport and Main Roads works are also underway on sections of Yabba Creek Road and Bella Creek Road. Please drive to the conditions, follow all signage and traffic control directions, and allow extra travel time when travelling through the area.

For more information visit <https://www.gympie.qld.gov.au/Services/Transport-Roads/Road-Maintenance>



About the Borumba Project

The proposed Borumba Pumped Hydro Project is a long-duration energy storage and water security project being developed at Lake Borumba and surrounding areas between Imbil and Jimna, west of the Sunshine Coast.

The Borumba Project is designed to capture and store excess electricity and then return that stored energy to the electricity grid when it is needed. This would help support reliable electricity supply for Queensland homes and businesses.

Current focus

Our current focus is construction activities to support the exploratory works phase of the Borumba Project from March 2026.

Exploratory works are being undertaken to better understand the project area and underground conditions, including geology and site suitability. These works include activities such as surface drilling, civil works, exploratory tunnel and temporary site infrastructure.

Queensland Hydro is also delivering a refreshed business case and commercial assessment for the proposed Borumba Project, aligned with the Queensland Government's energy roadmap.

Upcoming works

Timeframe*	Where	Work	What to expect
Continuing throughout August 2026	Northern haulage route (via Imbil)	Oversize deliveries of machinery to site supporting interim civils work	- Oversize deliveries entering on approved haulage routes with escort vehicles. - Changed traffic conditions including temporary traffic control at times.
Early July to late August 2026	Borumba Dam Road, Imbil	Non-intrusive geophysical survey works	- Project officers collecting data either on foot or in vehicles. - Narrow straight paths with small markers or flags placed along them. - Changed traffic conditions including temporary traffic control. - Intermittent road closures.
Continuing throughout August 2026	Northern haulage route (via Imbil): Yabba Creek Road, and Bella Creek Road Southern haulage route (via Kilcoy): Kilcoy Murgon Road, Sunday Creek Road and Yielo Road	Delivery of materials and machinery to the Project site supporting interim civils work	- Large flatbed trucks travelling along Kilcoy Murgon Road, Sunday Creek Road and Yielo Road. - Large flatbed trucks travelling along Yabba Creek Road and Bella Creek Road. - Heavy vehicles (truck and dog) delivering quarry materials to site. - Localised noise, dust and vibration.
August to October 2026	Borumba Pumped Hydro Project site, Jimna and Imbil	Planned bushfire management burns	- Smoke may be visible around Yielo Road, Bella Creek Road and the Borumba Project site at this time. - Residents, especially those with respiratory conditions, are advised to stay indoors if they notice smoke in the area. - In the unlikely event of an emergency please follow instructions of the local emergency services. - Notifications will be sent to neighbouring properties 48 hours prior to burns commencing.
August 2026	Bella Creek Road, Imbil	Cattle grid replacement	Changed traffic conditions including temporary traffic control at times.
Ongoing in August 2026	Bella Creek Road, Imbil	Land (cadastral) surveys	Surveyors installing survey points or collecting data either on foot or in vehicles with equipment.
Ongoing throughout 2026	Lake Borumba Project site, along waterways and in local road reserves	Environmental assessments and compliance	Project officers collecting data either on foot or in vehicles including water sampling, taking still and video images, and mapping vegetation.
Ongoing throughout 2026	Wallader Road, Imbil	Park and Ride Facility	Queensland Hydro Staff and Contractors utilising sites to reduce light vehicle movements in the community.

* Timeframes are subject to change pending weather and construction conditions



Get in touch

Phone 1800 433 939 during business hours

Email borumba@qldhydro.com.au

In person

Kilcoy: Tuesdays (nominated) 9:00am – 3:00pm, Kilcoy or Jimna.

Imbil: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 10:00am - 1:00pm, 6 Imbil Island Road, Imbil.

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