

Borumba Pumped Hydro Project

Monthly Works Update

September 2026

Key works

Exploratory works continue to progress on site, with environmental controls, including sediment basins, now in place to manage runoff and protect surrounding waterways. Earthworks for the portal pad continue, with levelling and compaction activities nearing completion.

As works progress, residents will continue to notice increased heavy vehicle movements, changed traffic conditions and periodic traffic management on approved haulage routes.

Project vehicles will continue to communicate their movements using the signposted UHF call-up system to support safe travel for all road users.

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

Visit us at the Mary Valley Show

The Borumba Project team will be at the Mary Valley Show on Saturday 5 September. Feel free to drop in and chat with our subject matter experts about the project.

Kilcoy mobile office

Our Stakeholder Engagement, Communities and Legacies Team will be at the Kilcoy Visitor Information Centre, 41 Hope Street, Kilcoy, for a mobile office session on:

Thursday 17 September 9:00am – 3:00pm

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



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.

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
Ongoing throughout September	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.
	Imbil, Brooloo, and Project site	Mobile laser scanning by vehicle or light aircraft	Vehicle travelling roads or air around Imbil, Brooloo and surrounds.
	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.
	Lake Borumba, Imbil	Installation of a communications antenna	- Equipment installed on top of the Seqwater hut at dam scenic lookout. - Project workers and light vehicles. - Localised noise, dust and vibration.
	Bella Creek Road, Imbil	Land (cadastral) surveys	Surveyors installing survey points or collecting data either on foot or in vehicles with equipment.
	Borumba 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.
Recommencing late September	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. - Heavy vehicles (concrete trucks) delivering concrete to the site. - Localised noise, dust and vibration.
	Lake Borumba, Imbil	Geotechnical drilling	- Geotechnical drill vehicle, water trucks and Light vehicles. - Localised noise, dust and vibration. - Project teams accessing locations using existing tracks wherever possible, some minor off tracks may be required.

* *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

Kilcoy: Thursdays (on dates nominated) 9:00am – 3:00pm, Kilcoy or Jimna.

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

Scan the QR code to visit our website for more information and join our mailing list.