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## **\$300 million EP electrical project begins**

Work has begun on a \$300 million project to build a new 270 km, high-voltage transmission line across the Eyre Peninsula.

The first of 500 sets of concrete foundations for the new transmission towers was poured in May with the ElectraNet project expected to take about 18 months to complete. The new line is expected to be energised by the end of 2022.

The line will run from Cultana, just south of Whyalla, to Port Lincoln via Yadnerie and will replace a 50-year-old transmission line.

The project will include upgrades to substations at Cultana, Yadnarie, Port Lincoln Terminal, Wudinna and Middleback and will enable more new renewable energy and mining projects to connect in the future.

“This project is an important and significant investment in the Eyre Peninsula that will give residential and business electricity users a more secure and reliable power supply,” ElectraNet Chief Executive Steve Masters said.

“Construction works will also support the local economy with up to 300 jobs created to deliver the works and a large number of South Australian and local businesses throughout the region providing goods and services to the project.”

Downer has been contracted to conduct the detailed design and construction of the project.