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## New substation to boost power supplies in Adelaide's southern suburbs

Adelaide's expanding southern suburbs will have their power supplies boosted with the construction of a brand new substation at Hackham, now well underway.

The \$10 million project - set to be completed by November - will reinforce electricity supplies to existing customers and meet demand from new customers in Hackham, Hackham West and Huntfield Heights.

General Manager Services, Sue Filby said the construction of the substation would ensure reliable and secure electricity supplies in an area experiencing strong residential growth.

"The expansion of new developments in these areas is a driving force behind the construction of the new substation," Ms Filby said.

"Providing reliable electricity supplies to our customers is paramount. This new substation will centralise power supplies to these suburbs, rather than relying on substations in surrounding areas."

The majority of the civil site works were completed in April with the site now fenced off and fully prepared. Construction of the substation and installation of the associated transformer have begun.

ETSA Utilities crews have also completed the construction of a new 66kV powerline connected to the existing line on Main South Road - which supplies the new substation - in addition to three new 11kV underground powerlines to distribute supply from the substation.

Most of the work on the 66kV powerline was undertaken at night to reduce disruption to traffic, local residents and businesses.

"We appreciate the patience of residents during the construction phase," Ms Filby said. "It's been a lot of work behind the scenes and we've made significant headway on site.

"We're looking forward to successfully energising the new substation by year's end," she said.

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