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Power boost to Adelaide's western suburbs

Residents and businesses in Adelaide's western suburbs are set to benefit from the \$4.2 million upgrade of Cheltenham substation, currently underway.

The installation of a new 66/11kV transformer will increase capacity at the substation to meet future electricity demand as the area's population grows.

"ETSA Utilities has anticipated future load requirements in Adelaide's western suburbs over coming years," General Manager Services, Sue Filby said.

"We are expecting a host of new customers with the redevelopment of the old Actil site and the former Cheltenham racecourse - now known as St Clair - changing from industrial to residential use.

"The substation upgrade is designed to cater for about 1,400 new connections for residential customers in these areas."

Upgraded high security fencing around the site - which includes colorbond fencing and weld mesh - will also ensure a greater level of safety to substation equipment while complying with current national standards.

The works also include the conversion of the local 7.6kV feeder network, currently supplying customers, to 11kV.

"It's been many months in the planning and a lot of work behind the scenes for our staff," Sue said.

"Site work is progressing well with the recent installation of the 66/11kV transformer, with further works underway on fitting of voltage transformers, disc connectors and the new 11kV switchboard.

"We look forward to energising the new transformer later this year and, by the conclusion of this project, we will be well prepared for future load growth in the area."

Civil works commenced earlier this year, with the major aspects of the project expected to be completed by the end of August.

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