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## POWER FOR PARRAMATTA TO PROSPER

Endeavour Energy today announced its plan to invest \$8.5 million to install two new underground 132kV electricity cables to power Parramatta's Central Business District.

Endeavour Energy Deputy Chief Executive Officer Network Rod Howard said the project was a crucial part of the \$300 million investment in Parramatta over the next 10 years to support the long term success of local businesses.

"Our upgrade of the electricity network serving the Parramatta CBD are required to meet both growth in demand for electricity and the need to replace older parts of our network," Mr Howard said.

"The new underground cables will connect our new East Parramatta Switching Station to our West Parramatta Zone Substation that is currently being built.

"Once completed, these new assets will form the backbone of the bulk supply of electricity to the Parramatta CBD for many decades to come," Mr Howard said.

Mr Howard said that Endeavour Energy wanted to work closely with the local community to minimise any local impacts while the underground cables were being installed.

"We are seeking the input of the local community on our plans and have written to residents and businesses adjoining the line route to provide them the opportunity to comment by 11 May 2012.

"Endeavour Energy is also consulting Parramatta City Council and other local authorities to ensure all potential impacts of our works are considered and addressed.

"Given the significance of Parramatta as a business centre, we are hosting an event with the Parramatta Chamber of Commerce to provide local businesses with information on the project.

"All comments that are received will be considered and included in the comprehensive environmental assessment for this project," Mr Howard said.

Mr Howard said all reasonable steps would be taken to minimise the impact of construction activities while the underground cables were being installed.

"To minimise traffic disruption, the majority of excavation works will be undertaken at night while maintaining at least one lane open for traffic," Mr Howard said.

Further information on the project, including the draft environmental assessment, is available at [www.endeavourenergy.com.au/ParramattaCBD](http://www.endeavourenergy.com.au/ParramattaCBD).

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Installation of the underground cables is expected to commence in mid 2012 and take up to six months to complete.

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