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\$227 million boost to the northern beaches

A record \$227 million will be invested in the electricity network on Sydney's northern beaches over the next five years, which is a \$24 million increase, EnergyAustralia said today.

EnergyAustralia's Executive General Manager Network Geoff Lilliss said the power boost was outlined in a recent blueprint.

"We're investing a total of \$227 million in the northern beaches from 2007 to 2012. This is a \$24 million increase since our last investment blueprint released two years ago," Mr Lilliss said.

"Demand for power is growing across the northern beaches and our electricity network is growing to meet that demand.

"This \$227 million investment will mean a more reliable and secure electricity supply."

Mr Lilliss said EnergyAustralia was spending a total of \$4.8 billion across its entire network to 2012.

"The additional investment boost in the northern beaches will service residential growth across the area, including housing developments around Collaroy and Narrabeen, high density developments in the Warriewood Valley, and commercial expansion around Terrey Hills," Mr Lilliss said.

As part of the northern beaches investment blueprint, three substations will be built or upgraded, including a new zone substation at Balgowlah and upgrades to substations at Mona Vale and Manly.

High voltage cables will also be upgraded and installed through the areas to help deliver electricity from power stations to zone substations and into homes and businesses.

"These major capital works are in addition to investment to improve reliability," Mr Lilliss said.

Extra investment will also be rolled out to continue the installation of smart meters for homes and businesses throughout the area, improved and more energy efficient street lighting, and security upgrades for targeted facilities.

Major projects in the investment plan include:

- Mona Vale zone substation upgrade
- Manly zone substation refurbishment
- Terrey Hills zone substation feeder upgrade
- Brookvale zone substation feeder upgrade
- New Balgowlah zone substation

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