

## Purpose and Outcome

The purpose of the meeting was to engage with stakeholders to discuss the 1km-wide recommended corridor for the Borumba transmission connection project and current projects in the Burnett region.

This meeting is part of the ongoing Powerlink stakeholder engagement program for new projects in the Burnett region.

### Attendees

*Gerard Reilly (Chair) (Powerlink) (GR), Harminder Bhar (Powerlink) (HB), Dana Boxall (Powerlink) (DB), Narelle Titman (Powerlink) (NT), Sarah Short (Swickers Bacon Factory) (SS), Damien Martoo (Kingaroy Chamber of Commerce) (DM), Kirstie Schumacher (South Burnett Regional Council) (KS), Mayor Graeme Lehmann (Somerset Regional Council) (GL) and Matthew Kenny (South Burnett CTC) (MK).*

### Apologies

*Insp. Scott Stahlhut (Kingaroy Police), Helene Johnson (Yarraman Museum Association), Keith Campbell (Coopers Gap CCC), Les Schloss (Nanango Show Society), Rebecca Cross (South Burnett Grazing Network), Alan Logan (Rosalie North Landcare Group), Andrew Sinnamon (AgForce Qld) and Jason Kinsella (Visit South Burnett).*

**Date & Time:** 27 April 2023, 1-2pm

**Location:** Microsoft Teams meeting (online)

### Minutes

Agenda Item	Minutes and Actions
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Acknowledgement of country</b> <b>Welcome and housekeeping</b>
1.1	Welcome introduction from KS, SS & JT
1.2	GR spoke to acknowledgement of country.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Transmission engagement timeline and activities</b>
2.1	Engagement timeline (GR) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dec 2021 - Powerlink commenced engagement across the community</li> <li>• Apr 2022 - Powerlink established the Borumba stakeholder reference group</li> <li>• Jul 2022 - Early engagement with Council, Traditional Owners and peak bodies – two community information sessions held, released study area</li> <li>• Aug 2022 - Wider community engagement held – two community information sessions</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sep – Oct 2022 - First Burnett Stakeholder Reference Group meeting held and feedback was used to develop corridor options</li> <li>• Nov 2022 – Corridor options for community feedback released. 2,300 letters sent to residents, seven community information sessions hosted and first Transmission Sub Group and third Burnett Stakeholder Reference Group meetings held</li> <li>• Jan – Mar 2023 – Project update emails and letters sent to residents on feedback themes and Draft Corridor Selection Report timings. Second Transmission Sub Group and fourth Burnett Stakeholder Reference Group meetings held</li> <li>• 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023 – Release of the Draft Corridor Selection Report with recommended corridor (1km wide)</li> <li>• Sep 2023 – Release of the Final Corridor Selection Report with study corridor</li> </ul>
2.2	<p>Engagement approach (GR)</p> <p>Since Dec 2021:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 37 community drop in sessions</li> <li>• 2,060 project update emails sent</li> <li>• 7,200 letters sent</li> <li>• More than 500 digital/hardcopy feedback forms received</li> <li>• 1,000 comments received/responded to on the online interactive map</li> <li>• More than 13,000 visits to the project website</li> </ul>
3.0	<p><b>Feedback themes received</b></p>
3.1	<p>Feedback themes received (DB)</p> <p>Key themes from feedback include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loss of property value and compensation framework</li> <li>• Visual impacts of the transmission line and impacts to key recreation and tourism areas</li> <li>• Impacts to farming operations and biosecurity threats</li> <li>• Preference for infrastructure to be located through State Forest and other state-owned land</li> <li>• Importance of preserving local wildlife</li> <li>• Perceived health effects from Electric and Magnetic Fields (EMF)</li> <li>• Vegetation management and impacts to remnant vegetation in the region</li> <li>• Biodiversity and compliance with environmental legislation</li> <li>• Preference for infrastructure to co-locate with existing transmission lines</li> </ul>
3.2	<p>Transmission line corridor options (DB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Released in Nov 2022</li> <li>• Three potential corridor options for the Woolooga-end             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Western</li> <li>○ Central - with sub-options A &amp; B</li> <li>○ Eastern - with sub-options A &amp; B</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three potential corridor options for the Halys-end:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Northern - with sub-options A &amp; B</li> <li>○ Central - with sub-options A &amp; B</li> <li>○ Southern - with sub-options A &amp; B</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Corridor options were 4km wide, final selected alignment is 70m (500kV)</li> </ul>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Assessment framework</b>
4.1	<p>Assessment framework (DB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Balancing three key project objectives:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Social</li> <li>○ Environment</li> <li>○ Economic</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Where we can't avoid, we will manage, minimise or mitigate our impacts</li> <li>• Key is to understand to develop criteria to help measure against objectives and gain a balance across them to get the least overall impact in the selected corridor</li> <li>• Criteria has been run-through in a draft format and feedback received was that they were appropriate to use</li> </ul>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Transmission line recommended corridors</b>
5.1	<p>Recommended corridors (DB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visual of location of selected and recommended corridors</li> </ul>
5.2	<p>Woolooga West Corridor details (DB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4km-wide option                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Least overall impact</li> <li>○ Highest percentage of state-owned land</li> <li>○ Least impact to number of properties</li> <li>○ Least impact on National Parks</li> <li>○ Least impact on strategic cropping and agricultural land</li> <li>○ Least impact on intensive land use</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 1km-wide option                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 27% state-owned land</li> <li>○ Zero impacts on National Parks</li> <li>○ 5 – Number of small properties impacted</li> <li>○ 382ha impact on strategic cropping and agricultural land</li> <li>○ 89ha impact on intensive land use</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
5.3	NT spoke to mapping of the Woolooga West corridor alignment
5.4	<p>How we listened (DB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key feedback received has been reviewed and included in options assessment</li> <li>• Outcomes for each key feedback theme have been accounted for</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dedicated team are contacting landholders</li> <li>• Briefings with councils have been undertaken</li> </ul>
5.5	<p>Halys Central (Option A) Corridor details (DB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4km-wide Corridor Option                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Impacts on a lower number of properties, strategic cropping and intensive land use</li> <li>○ Least overall impact on environmental criteria</li> <li>○ Shortest corridor length, with opportunity to co-locate with existing transmission lines</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 1km-wide Recommended Corridor                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 12% state-owned land</li> <li>○ 18 – number of small properties affected</li> <li>○ Zero impact on National Parks</li> <li>○ 858ha – impact on strategic cropping and agricultural land</li> <li>○ 25ha – impact on intensive land use</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Visual of Halys Central (Option A) Corridor mapping                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Explanation of location and alignment</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
5.6	NT spoke to mapping of the Halys Central (Option A) corridor alignment
5.7	<p>How we listened (DB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key feedback received has been reviewed and included in options assessment</li> <li>• Outcomes for each key feedback theme have been accounted for</li> <li>• Dedicated team are contacting landholders</li> <li>• Briefings with councils have been undertaken</li> </ul>
5.8	<p>Questions</p> <p><b>KS:</b> <i>What has the response been like? Are there likely to be issues that stakeholders should be aware of with landholders?</i></p> <p><b>DB:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sentiment has been mixed – overall in a neutral stage</li> <li>• Many landholders have been getting in contact regarding activities allowed with infrastructure on properties.</li> </ul> <p><b>GR:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Higher level of emotion in Woolooga connection</li> <li>• Initial feedback in Halys Central recommended corridor have been quite reasonable</li> <li>• Some commentary that people did not connect Borumba to Burnett region</li> </ul>
6.0	<b>Next steps</b>
6.1	DB spoke to next steps

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 26 and 27 Apr 2023                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Powerlink contacts landholders within the recommended corridors</li> <li>○ Briefings with local government, environmental groups, stakeholder reference groups</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 27 Apr 2023                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Draft Corridor Selection Report (CSR) publicly released</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Late May/early June                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Community information drop-in sessions to provide opportunity for comment on recommended corridors</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 3 Jul 2023                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Submissions to Draft CSR closes</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Sep 2023                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Final CSR publicly released</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
6.2	<p>Questions</p> <p><b>KS:</b> <i>How will you determine the 70 metres?</i></p> <p><b>DB:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From here on in, further investigations and assessments of feedback will be undertaken to eventually determine a final alignment that has the least overall impact.</li> </ul> <p><b>GR:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion with landholders as to what will happen on their properties as well as environmental studies will need to be carried out. This will be carried out through to 2024</li> <li>• It's important to know that we've gone from over 3000 landholders in our potential investigation area down to 200. That number will further reduce over the coming 12 months as we get down to that 70-metre easement.</li> </ul>
7.0	<b>Closing of meeting</b>