

Powerlink engagement model for route selection



Powerlink is committed to continuously improving our community engagement practices to ensure they are contemporary, provide robust stakeholder input at key project stages and meet our stakeholders' expectations.

Powerlink has recently revised its project engagement model for route selection, following a significant stakeholder consultation process, to incorporate stakeholder involvement earlier in our project planning and development process.

Speaking with landholders during the development of the revised model highlighted the importance of identifying fit-for-purpose consultation activities and requirements for each project during initial engagement stages on a project-by-project basis. For each project, engagement activities will be determined by the scale, potential impact and level of feedback and interest from the local community.

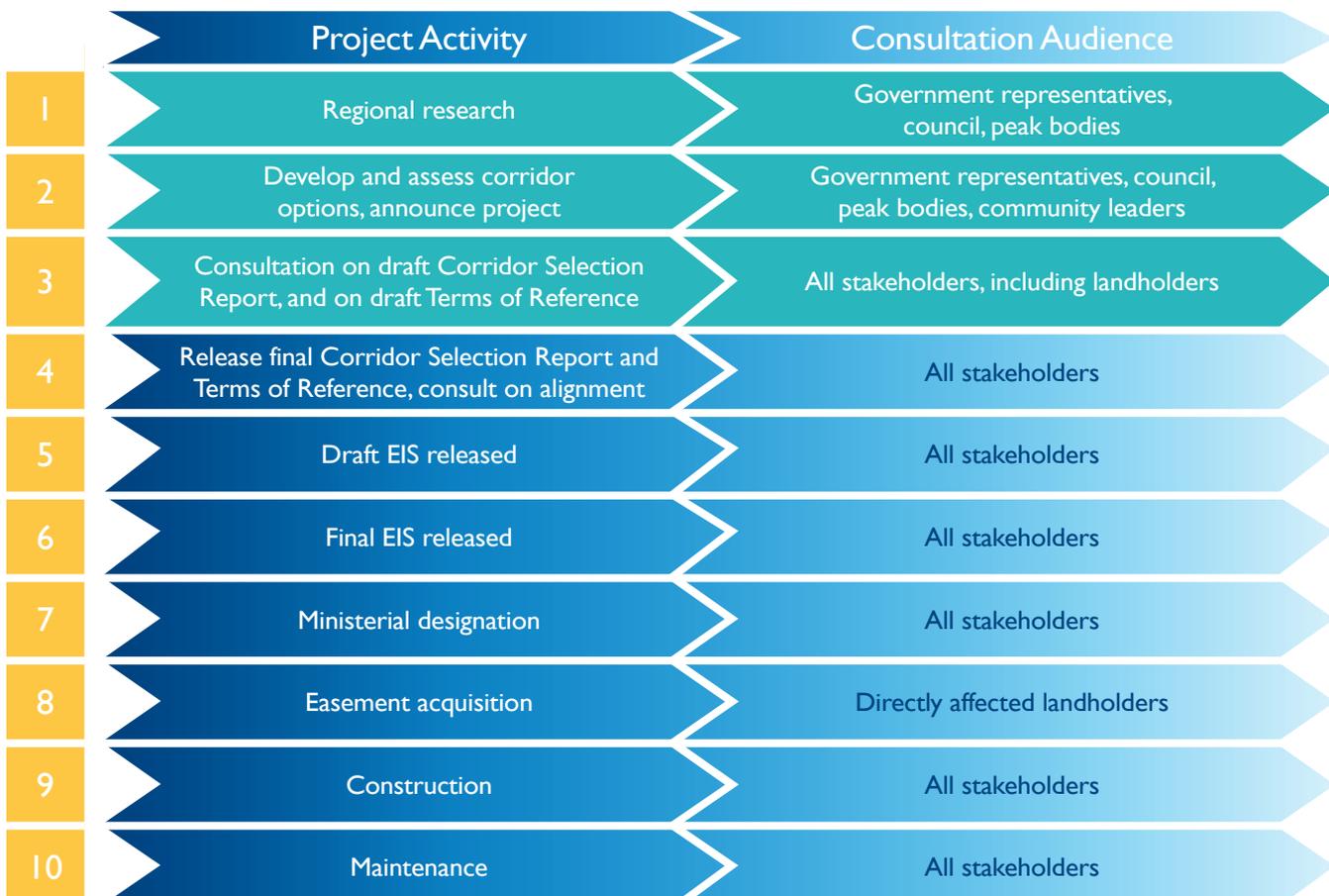
The revised engagement model for route selection involves a series of consultation activities in addition to Powerlink's legislated consultation requirements.

Under the revised model, the consultation activities within the first three stages of our engagement framework have been expanded to include:

- Stage 1** Consultation with local area government representatives and peak bodies to identify initial project constraints or considerations to inform the study area assessment. Powerlink will identify fit-for-purpose consultation activities and requirements at this stage.
- Stage 2** Consultation with local area government representatives, peak bodies and community leaders as part of the process to develop and assess corridor options within the study area.
- Stage 3** Consultation with all stakeholders, including landholders regarding the Corridor Selection Report and draft Terms of Reference for the Environmental Impact Statement for the project.

Your comments and feedback are important to us and can make a difference. While there are several opportunities for formal comment during the consultation process, please feel free to contact Powerlink at any time with questions or concerns.

The diagram below shows the engagement process, with new steps highlighted:



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About Powerlink

Powerlink Queensland is a State Government Owned Corporation which owns, develops, operates and maintains the high voltage electricity transmission network in Queensland. Powerlink's network extends 1,700km from north of Cairns to the New South Wales border. Powerlink's transmission network is the central link in the electricity supply chain, transporting electricity from power stations where it is generated, to distributors Energex, Ergon Energy and Essential Energy (in northern New South Wales). Powerlink also transports electricity to industrial customers and to New South Wales via the NSW/QLD Interconnector transmission line.

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Definitions

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is the process to ensure any potential environmental, community or economic impacts associated with the project are identified and managed. As part of the EIA, a written report is produced called an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which examines the environmental, community and economic aspects of proposed projects and identifies ways to manage any impacts.

Ministerial Designation

The State Government planning approvals process, which occurs after the Environmental Impact Assessment process. It allows certain land or easements to be used for community infrastructure purposes, but does not change land ownership or create easements over land.

Easement acquisition

A legal process for the compulsory acquisition of property rights or land in order for Powerlink to build, operate and maintain infrastructure. For transmission lines easements are typically resumed, which provides Powerlink with a legal right to access and carry out work on the easement, and to restrict certain activities by owners and occupiers for safety and access reasons. Land ownership doesn't change. For substations, Powerlink generally resumes part or all of a lot in freehold title. This means Powerlink assumes full land ownership.

Corridor Selection Report

The purpose of the Corridor Selection Report is to review the Study Area to identify potential Study Corridors, nominate a preferred Study Corridor, and recommend a Preliminary Alignment. This occurs prior to releasing the draft EIS.

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