

Invitation for public comment Draft Environmental Impact Statement



Transmission network extension in North West Surat Basin

Blythdale, Fairview and Fairview South Substations Project

Powerlink Queensland invites you to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Blythdale, Fairview and Fairview South Substations Project.

Powerlink is responsible for the State's high voltage electricity transmission network, which transports electricity from power stations to the distribution networks (owned locally by Ergon Energy), and to major customers such as mines.

About the Project

Powerlink has been requested by Santos GLNG to establish direct connections into the high voltage transmission network to supply power to its future gas processing facilities in the area west of Wandoan and east of Injune.

To meet this request, Powerlink is proposing to extend its network in the North West Surat via three projects:

- **Blythdale, Fairview and Fairview South Substations Project (the subject of this advertisement)**
- Yuleba North to Blythdale Transmission Line Project
- Eurombah to Fairview Transmission Line Project.

The proposed network extension has been divided into three projects to ensure landowners and other stakeholders receive information and can provide comment on matters that are relevant to them.

It is expected the proposed Blythdale, Fairview and Fairview South substations will be located on land currently owned by Santos GLNG in the areas north-east of Roma and west of Taroom. Powerlink is undertaking a project to assess the suitability of that land for this purpose.

Further information about the project can be obtained from Powerlink's website www.powerlink.com.au (go to 'Projects/Southern/Transmission network extension in North West Surat Basin') or by phoning FREECALL 1800 635 369 (during business hours).

Comments invited on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Powerlink has engaged environmental specialist GHD to undertake the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process for the project. As a part of this process, GHD has prepared an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) which provides a comprehensive assessment of the potential environmental, social and economic impacts of Powerlink's proposed substations, and identifies ways to manage and/or mitigate any potential impacts.

A copy of the report can be downloaded from:

- GHD's website www.ghd.com/global/projects
- Powerlink's website www.powerlink.com.au – go to 'Projects/Southern/Transmission network extension in North West Surat Basin'

The Draft EIS can also be obtained on CD-Rom by:

- Emailing GHD at amanda.smedley@ghd.com; or
- Phoning Powerlink on **FREECALL 1800 635 369** (during business hours)

Copies of the Draft EIS can be viewed at Council libraries in Roma, Injune, Wandoan and Taroom from **Thursday, 29 November 2012.**

Written submissions on the Draft EIS must be received by GHD before 5pm, on **Friday, 11 January 2013** and should be sent to:

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All submissions must be made in writing. Submissions must state the grounds of the submission and the facts and circumstances relied upon to support the grounds. Submissions must be signed by each person who made the submission and include their name and address.

Submissions will be treated as public documents, unless confidentiality is requested and this request is judged to be sustainable against an application under the *Right to Information Act 2009*. Representatives of either Powerlink or GHD may contact submitters to clarify matters raised.

Persons or groups with special communication needs who wish to comment on the document should email GHD at amanda.smedley@ghd.com or contact Powerlink on FREECALL 1800 635 369 (during business hours) to make alternative arrangements.

All submissions will be reviewed, considered and addressed by GHD before the Final Environmental Impact Statement is prepared.

For further information about the Blythdale, Fairview and Fairview South Substations Project, please phone Ms Nicole Boulton, Powerlink Project Manager at Powerlink on FREECALL 1800 635 369 (during business hours).



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