

Project completion: Replacement of electricity transmission lines in your area

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Dear resident,

I am pleased to advise that construction activities are complete for Powerlink Queensland's project to replace the 3.8 kilometres of transmission lines between the Garbutt and Alan Sherriff substations with a single transmission line.

I would like to thank you for your ongoing patience and cooperation during these important works.

The completion of this project will ensure the ongoing safe and reliable supply of electricity to Townsville and the surrounding region into the future.

Greening program update

As part of our commitment to responsible environmental management and working with the local community, Powerlink is partnering with Townsville City Council to plant 1,750 drought-tolerant trees along this transmission line corridor. The initiative will increase vegetation density along Dalrymple Road and improve habitat for local native wildlife – while promoting water efficiency.

The greening program was launched late last year, with on-ground plantings to be completed in the near future during more optimal weather conditions.

The program involves:

- **three family-friendly community tree plantings**
- **enhancing the food garden at Heatley Secondary College** (via installing water-efficient garden beds, refurbishing the bore pump within school grounds, planting fruit trees and increasing outdoor classroom activities for students)
- **Council staff planting an additional 1,000 seedlings** at various locations adjacent to the transmission line.

The tree plantings will offset and enhance the areas impacted by essential vegetation management works undertaken last year along the easement area. This work was required to ensure the safe and secure operation of the replacement transmission line. Powerlink will work closely with Townsville City Council to ensure suitable replacement species will be planted at a safe distance from our transmission infrastructure as part of the greening program.

We will contact you again when we have more information about the dates and locations of the community tree plantings. We hope you can join us in enhancing the local environment.



Regular maintenance to ensure network reliability

With the completion of this replacement transmission line, our focus now returns to effectively maintaining the transmission line and easement. This is a key part of Powerlink's commitment to providing an ongoing safe and reliable supply of electricity. Maintenance activities are generally cyclical and at all times we aim to conduct this work with as little disruption as possible to nearby residents and businesses.

Further information

Thank you again for your understanding while this important project was being delivered. If you would like more information on the Garbutt to Alan Sherriff Transmission Line Replacement Project, future maintenance activities or our greening program, please contact:

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