

Wandoan South to Yuleba North Transmission Line Project

FACT SHEET: HOW TO MAKE A SUBMISSION

Making a submission on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

Powerlink Queensland has appointed GHD to conduct an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and undertake associated community consultation for its proposed Wandoan South to Eurombah Transmission Network Project.

The project has been initiated in response to a request from Australia Pacific LNG Pty Limited (APLNG) for direct connections into the high voltage transmission network to supply power to its future gas processing facilities in the area west of Wandoan. As a result, Powerlink is proposing to establish about 100km of transmission line and four substations.

One of the proposed transmission lines is known as Wandoan South to Yuleba North. This proposed 275kV line is about 40km in length and is required between the proposed Yuleba North Substation (5km east of the Yuleba Taroom Road, about 52km north of Yuleba) and Powerlink's Wandoan South Substation (south of Gadsby's Road in the Woleebee area south-west of Wandoan).

As part of the EIA under way, a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has been prepared for the proposed transmission line. The Draft EIS assesses the social, environmental and economic impacts of the proposed line, outlines the actions Powerlink will take to manage and/or mitigate those impacts, and considers these factors together to identify a Study Alignment which on balance, has the lowest overall impact.

The Draft EIS is now available for public comment.

As part of ongoing consultation activities associated with the proposed transmission line, stakeholders and community members are invited to review and provide comment on the Draft EIS report.

The EIS is part of Powerlink's planning process which is approved under the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009* (SPA). Once the EIS is finalised, it will ultimately form part of Powerlink's future application for Ministerial designation under the SPA.

This fact sheet provides advice on how to make a submission on the Draft EIS. A copy of the report can be obtained by:

- Visiting GHD's website www.ghd.com/global/projects/wandoan-south-to-yuleba-north
- Visiting Powerlink's website www.powerlink.com.au
– go to 'Projects/Southern/Wandoan South to Eurombah/Section I'
- Emailing GHD at amanda.smedley@ghd.com
- Phoning Powerlink on FREECALL 1800 635 369 (during business hours)

Copies of the Draft EIS can also be viewed at the Council libraries in Wandoan and Roma from Thursday, 4 April 2013.

What information is required to make a submission?

When making a submission on the Draft EIS, the following information is to be included:

- submitter's contact details including name, address and telephone number
- the name of the organisation, if applicable
- a signature from each submitter, or a signatory for an organisation
- the signatory's position within the organisation, if applicable.

What are the steps in the submission process?

1. Interested landowners, community members and stakeholders prepare and lodge a submission.
2. All submissions that comply with the requirements outlined in this document are reviewed by GHD.
3. GHD identifies and considers the comments received in the context of the Draft EIS. If appropriate, additional research will be conducted, with results provided in the Final EIS.
4. A response to the points raised in submissions will be provided in the Final EIS.
5. GHD provides submitters with a response to the comments received.
6. Powerlink publicly advertises the Final EIS and invites submissions on its proposal to seek Ministerial designation.
7. The Final EIS, the submissions received on the proposed designation, and responses to those submissions become part of the application to the relevant State Government Minister (usually the Minister responsible for energy) for designation of the proposed transmission line.

What is Ministerial designation?

The planning approval process, known as Ministerial designation, allows for infrastructure works to be built on specified land. Before constructing the proposed transmission line, Powerlink will ask the relevant State Government Minister to designate the land for community infrastructure ('electricity works'), under the SPA. The process of designation does not change ownership of land.

Who can make a submission on the Draft EIS?

Any individual, group or organisation interested in the project can make a submission.

What should I consider when preparing a submission?

Write down a list of any questions and/or concerns you may have. Review the Draft EIS section/s relating to these matters, as well as any relevant technical papers on which you wish to comment.

Consider the following when preparing your submission:

Beginning: Prepare a brief background statement (one to two paragraphs) explaining why you are making the submission. This could include details of your property if you are a directly-affected landowner or information about your interest in the project and the organisation you represent.

Middle: Your submission may contain facts, opinions, arguments or recommendations. It may cover all the points in the Draft EIS or only some of them. Where possible, relate your comments to the relevant section/s of the Draft EIS. Attach any supporting documents, sketches or diagrams and provide the sources of any factual information included in the submission.

End: If your submission is long, include a summary of your discussion points. Don't forget to include your contact details and your signature.

How should I format my submission?

The length of a submission, and the amount of detail included in it, is left to the discretion of the author. Submissions can be written in report style, letter format or can take the form of a fax or email.

The submission should be word-processed in a simple font (preferably Arial or New Times Roman) or hand-written in black or blue ink.

Please include and refer to the numbered sections of the Draft EIS, so that the reviewer is able to easily identify and address the matters raised in your submission.

You may choose to include a table of contents and to categorise each section into headings. If there is a range of matters you wish to comment on, separate them by numbered sections.

Will my submission be confidential?

All Draft EIS submissions will be treated as public documents for the purposes of the *Right to Information Act 2009*. If a submission includes content that requires confidentiality for commercial or other reasons, authors are required to state so clearly. These details may be kept confidential. Otherwise, all comments and responses will be included in the Final EIS.

When are submissions due?

Submissions are to be received **before 5pm** on the last day of the submission period, **Friday, 10 May 2013**.

Where should I send my submission?

Submissions can be posted, faxed or emailed to:

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Are there further opportunities to provide formal comment on this project?

Yes. As part of Powerlink's SPA-approved process, landowners, stakeholders and community members have a further opportunity to provide formal comment on the project through the Ministerial designation process. This process is initiated following the completion of the Final EIS. At this time, Powerlink will write to all directly-affected landowners and stakeholders advising of its intention to seek Ministerial designation and will invite submissions on its proposal. Public notices will be placed in local newspapers to advise the broader the community about the proposal and the further opportunity to provide formal comment.

More information about the designation process is available in Powerlink's brochure: '*Understanding designation for transmission line infrastructure*'. A copy of the brochure is available online at www.powerlink.com.au (go to 'About Powerlink/Publications/Information brochures').