

Update #3: Construction works at Ashgrove West Substation

April 2019

Dear resident,

This is an update from Powerlink Queensland on its Ashgrove West Substation replacement project. Construction works at the substation on Trinder Road at Ashgrove West started in May 2018 and are expected to continue **until October 2020** (weather dependent).

The project involves removing ageing substation equipment and installing new equipment within the existing site. All construction activities taking place are on Powerlink-owned land – no expansion of the existing site is required. **These activities will not result in any planned outages to your electricity supply.**

Works are being delivered over several stages to ensure a safe and reliable electricity supply is maintained for the project's duration and we are pleased to advise that Stage 1 is now complete. This included decommissioning and removing ageing equipment, testing and commissioning works, and replacing the perimeter fence. **Thank you for your patience while our work crews undertook these initial project activities.**

Current works

Preliminary activities for Stage 2 are now underway and will be progressively undertaken until February 2020 (weather dependent). This stage involves removing primary plant across three substation bays, installing new cabling, testing and commissioning works, and replacing oil separation equipment.

Similar machinery will be used to complete Stage 2 works, including concrete trucks and pumps, and small excavators. Construction vehicles will also be on site as required.

There may also be increased noise and dust levels from the equipment being used, however as with all of our activities, care will be taken to minimise any disturbance. We are mindful of our neighbours and wherever possible have scheduled the more intensive Stage 2 construction works to occur during the December 2019/January 2020 school holidays.

Future works

Our project team is still on-track to progressively deliver Stage 3 between April 2020 and October 2020. This will include removing primary plant across the three remaining substation bays, installing new cabling, final testing and commissioning works, and completing post-construction remediation works.

Minimising potential impacts

To minimise any inconvenience to local residents, our working hours will continue to typically be between 6.30am and 6.30pm, Monday to Saturday (not including public holidays). Powerlink does not expect any major work outside of these hours, however should the need arise we will inform you in advance.

At all times, we aim to conduct our activities with as little disruption as possible to the wider community. The project will continue to be undertaken in accordance with rigorous environmental management requirements, which clearly outline how potential impacts will be minimised and managed.

Traffic management

As the substation is in a residential area, we are continuing to take all reasonable measures to minimise impacts to local traffic. Residents may notice increased traffic as vehicles access the site during peak construction periods. Construction vehicles will primarily access the substation via Baileys Road and Trinder Road. Comprehensive traffic management plans will remain in place to help minimise any potential interruptions.

Equipment deliveries will continue to be scheduled to avoid peak traffic periods in the local area (e.g. school drop-off and pick-up times). **We thank local residents in advance for their patience and understanding during remaining project works.**

Further information

We will continue to keep you informed about project milestones as construction progresses. In the meantime, if you would like more information, please visit www.powerlink.com.au or contact:

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Powerlink appreciates your cooperation as we undertake this important work.

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