

Routine maintenance activities on Powerlink's network



Outline

Effective maintenance of our transmission lines, substations and communication sites enables us to provide a safe and reliable power supply to the community.

This brochure provides affected landholders and the wider community with an overview of our maintenance activities and explains how we manage the impacts of these activities.

Overview of work

We undertake a range of maintenance activities including:

- routine inspections on easements and assets
- vegetation and debris management to maintain safety clearances
- minor works of infrastructure, replacement of parts and emergency repair of damage
- access track management as required
- installing or replacing signage
- installing or replacing anti-climbing barriers on towers

These activities are undertaken periodically depending on the requirements of the piece of infrastructure being maintained.

Routine easement inspections occur once every two to four years and inspections of our transmission lines typically occur once every three years. In some areas inspections may be more frequent due to the age of the line and environmental factors. These inspections allow us to monitor the condition of the line and identify issues requiring maintenance attention.

Maintenance activities are then planned and consultation is undertaken with each landholder ahead of the works being undertaken. This consultation will focus on aspects such as access considerations and will provide detailed information about the scope and timing of the works. Our Land Access Protocol (LAP) provides information about the standards and commitments that we and our representatives must adhere to when accessing land, this can also include property specific information as agreed between ourselves and landholders.

Maintenance inspections and work can be carried out from the ground using 4WDs, at heights using Elevated Work Platforms (EWPs), or from the air using helicopters. Depending on the location and type of work, it can be performed by Powerlink crews, Ergon Energy crews or other contractors.

Minimising potential impacts

We are committed to safely managing any potential impacts associated with our maintenance works. At all times, we aim to conduct our activities with as little disruption as possible to landholders and the wider community. All activities will be undertaken in accordance with rigorous environmental management requirements, which outline how potential environmental and social impacts will be minimised and managed.

Contact Us

Further information about Powerlink and our projects can be downloaded from www.powerlink.com.au

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