

# Planning for the Western Downs and South Burnett regions



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## About Powerlink

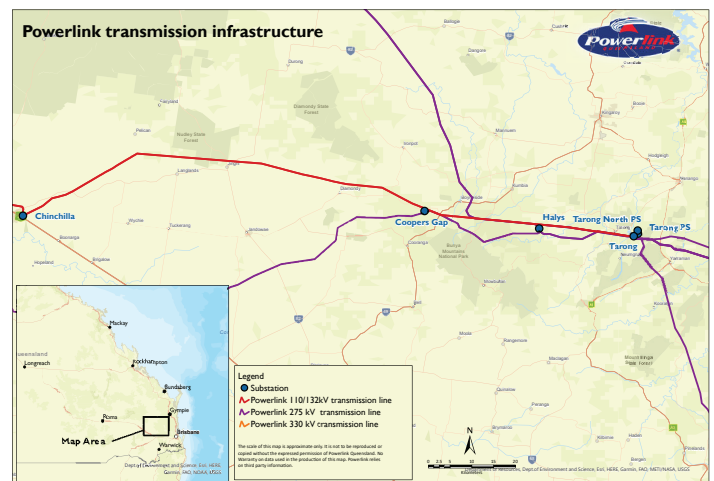
Powerlink is a leading provider of electricity transmission services, delivering safe, cost effective and reliable network solutions. Our transmission network extends 1,700 kilometres from north of Cairns to the New South Wales border. Our purpose is to connect Queenslanders to a world-class energy future, providing electricity to five million Queenslanders and 238,000 businesses.

## Planning for future power supply

Powerlink is planning ahead to ensure our network will maintain a secure and reliable power supply to the Western Downs and South Burnett regions. This includes factoring in the potential connection for Wambo Wind Farm and other proposed new renewable energy projects looking to connect to the transmission network.

## Background to the existing transmission infrastructure

Some key components of Powerlink's existing transmission network in the region have been identified as being close to the end of service life. This includes plant and equipment at Tarong and Chinchilla substations, which are connected by an existing 132kV transmission line. While the transmission line is in good condition, it is being assessed on its capacity to meet the region's electricity needs for the future, in line with Powerlink's approach to network planning.



## About the Wambo Wind Farm project

The Wambo Wind Farm is a proposed wind farm development located near Jandowae, in the Western Downs region. It is proposed by Cubico and Renewable Energy Partners (REP) and has received State Government planning approval. For information on the wind farm visit [www.wambowindfarm.co.au](http://www.wambowindfarm.co.au).

## Network connection process

Powerlink is working with Cubico and REP to consider options to connect the Wambo Wind Farm to the transmission network. At this early stage, Powerlink is investigating preliminary options and the project's requirements for connection. We are also engaging with landholders, members of the community and other key stakeholders to gain input which will be considered in our future planning activities.

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## Engaging with landholders and community

During this preliminary phase, Powerlink is directly engaging with landholders on the existing Tarong to Chinchilla 132kV transmission line easement. We are seeking their input to gain local insights and knowledge, and better understand individual properties and how they are managed. We are also providing landholders with information about Powerlink and the processes and protocols we follow in our work.

Members of the wider community are also invited to provide input to the future transmission network needed in the area. We will be holding a number of engagement activities in coming months with opportunities to share feedback and local insights.

## Property access

Powerlink will continue to access properties along the existing 132kV transmission line to meet with landholders about our future planning.

We respect and value our relationship with landholders and will always seek their permission before entering any property, and will provide information about the activities to be undertaken. Our Land Access Protocol outlines the standards and commitments we will adhere to when accessing properties.

You are welcome to view our Land Access Protocol at [www.powerlink.com.au](http://www.powerlink.com.au) (search 'Land Access Protocol') or you can ask for a printed copy when speaking with a Powerlink representative or by contacting us.

## Engaging with stakeholders

Powerlink is engaging with stakeholders including Western Downs Regional Council and South Burnett Regional Council, key government, industry and peak bodies to share information and seek their input to our planning for the regions.

## Future steps

- Powerlink will continue to work with Cubico and REP as their project planning progresses.
- We will engage directly with landholders on the 132kV transmission line easement to seek their input about plans for this line.
- As our planning progresses, we will continue to engage with landholders and other stakeholders to provide updates on our progress.

## Further information

For more information on future plans for electricity supply to the region and the proposed Wambo Wind Farm connection, please contact:

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