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Local Government and Planning**

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Dear Mr Campbell

Pre-lodgement advice – proposed Ministerial Infrastructure Designation (MID) – 47km transmission line between Wambo Wind Farm and Halys Substation

This pre-lodgement record provides a summary of relevant matters based on the supporting information provided in the pre-lodgement request. This record is provided in good faith, provides updated initial advice regarding likely issues relevant to the proposed request to recommence the MID, and is current at the time of issue.

If the proposal is changed from that which was provided in the pre-lodgement request, you may wish to seek further or amended pre-lodgment advice from the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (DSDILGP).

Site details

Street address:	Multiple properties between the Wambo Wind Farm and the Halys Substation
Real property description:	Not specified
Local government area:	Western Downs Regional Council and South Burnett Regional Council
Existing use:	Powerlink Tarong-Chinchilla 132 kV transmission line

Proposal details

Type of infrastructure:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Item 7: electricity operating works
Infrastructure description:	47km transmission line between Wambo Wind Farm and Halys Substation
State interests relevant to the assessment:	<u>Agriculture</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Important agricultural landAgricultural land classification - class A and B <u>Biodiversity</u>

- Matters of State Environmental Significance (MSES) - Regulated vegetation (category B and category C and intersecting a watercourse)

Natural hazards, risk and resilience

- Bushfire prone area
- Flood hazard area

Transport infrastructure

- State-controlled road

Supporting information

Plan / Report title	Author	Ref no.	Version / date
Initial Advice Request	Aurecon	P520836	22 November 2021
Halys to Wambo Area Strip Map	Aurecon	CP.02858	11 November 2021

Pre-lodgement advice

Item	Advice
Infrastructure entity overview of proposal	
1.	<p>Powerlink Queensland (Powerlink) has been engaged by the Wambo Find Farm proponents to connect the Wambo Wind Farm renewable energy facility to the electricity transmission network.</p> <p>The connection works will comprise a double circuit 275 kilovolt (kV) high voltage transmission line, commencing at the Wambo Wind Farm and tracking east for approximately 47km before connecting to Powerlink's existing Halys Substation.</p> <p>The entity has identified that the soon to be decommissioned Tarong-Chinchilla 132kV transmission line corridor as the preferred corridor option. The following advice is provided on this basis.</p>
Agriculture	
2.	<p>The site is mapped as containing Agricultural Land Classification - class A and B.</p> <p>The MID proposal should address potential impacts to agricultural land and provide management/mitigation measures where necessary.</p>
Amenity	
3.	<p>The proposed development has the potential to result in adverse amenity impacts.</p> <p>The MID proposal should be supported by a Visual Impact Assessment, an Electromagnetic Interference assessment, and an assessment of general amenity impacts.</p>
Biodiversity	
4.	<p>The site is mapped as containing MSES - Regulated vegetation (category B, category C and intersecting multiple watercourses).</p> <p>The MID proposal should be supported by an Ecological Assessment that assesses the impacts of and recommends measures that mitigate any</p>

	<p>environmental impacts.</p> <p>Where mitigation measures are proposed, the Ecological Assessment should clearly demonstrate that impacts to MSES have first been avoided and minimised.</p> <p>The MID proposal should also provide details on any new/upgraded crossings of waterways providing for fish passage. Should these components constitute waterway barrier works, the Ecological Assessment should address any impacts to fish passage and provide adequate mitigation measures. Plans for any waterway barrier works should be provided, or confirmation that any barriers proposed can meet the Accepted Development Requirement for Waterway Barrier Works.</p>
Bushfire	
5.	<p>The site is mapped as potentially containing Medium, High and Very High Potential Bushfire Intensity and Potential Impact Buffer.</p> <p>If warranted, the MID proposal should be supported by a Bushfire Management Plan that assesses bushfire risk and recommends mitigation measures.</p>
External works	
6.	<p>Works external to the sites may be required to facilitate the development.</p> <p>An analysis of potential external works and land dedications should be provided as part of the MID proposal.</p>
Flooding	
7.	<p>The site is mapped as being within the Flood hazard area - Level 1 - Queensland floodplain assessment overlay.</p> <p>The MID proposal should be supported a Hydrology Report to ensure the proposed development can be protected from flooding impacts and to demonstrate that the development will not increase risk to natural hazard.</p>
State transport infrastructure	
8.	<p>The site traverses State-controlled roads.</p> <p>The MID proposal should address the State transport infrastructure and confirm that any potential impacts to and from the State-controlled road, including traffic, noise and stormwater are adequately mitigated.</p>
Traffic	
9.	<p>The MID proposal should be supported by a Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA) to evaluate the proposal's impact (particularly during construction) on the safety and efficiency of the road network and recommend any necessary mitigation measures for impacts resulting from the proposed development.</p>
Recommended technical reporting	
10.	<p>It is recommended that the entity consider the following matters when preparing the MID proposal:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Traffic impact assessment• Ecological assessment• Hydrology report• Bushfire management plan• Visual impact assessment• Electromagnetic Interference assessment
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General information

Preliminary stakeholder engagement

Preliminary stakeholder engagement should include, but not be limited to, consultation with the council, Native Title and/or Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander party/parties for the area, letters to local, state and federal members and a letter box drop to the adjoining properties identified as 'adjacent properties' on the submitted 'Halys Wambo Area Strip Map'. Any preliminary stakeholder engagement material should describe and illustrate the proposal and provide 10 business days for comment. Please provide draft material to DSDILGP for review prior to commencing preliminary stakeholder engagement.

Endorsement to lodge a MID

Endorsement to lodge a MID proposal can be sought following completion of preliminary stakeholder engagement activities. When seeking endorsement please provide the information contained within Attachment 3.1 of the [MID Operational Guidance](#).

MID proposal

Should the proposal be endorsed, to apply for the MID, submit a MID proposal via the [online portal](#) that includes/addresses:

- the required material for amending a MID specified in Schedule 3 of the [Minister's Guidelines and Rules](#)
- the matters raised in these pre-lodgement minutes.

Formal consultation stage

Formal consultation will include a minimum 20 business day public consultation period which is to include as a minimum: sign/s on the land, a notice in the paper and letters to surrounding landowners, elected representatives and Native Title and/or Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander party/parties for the area. The Consultation Strategy provided in Appendix D of the Initial Advice Request is supported.

If you require any further information, please contact Elliott Fairon, Senior Planner on 3452 6849 or elliott.fairon@dasilgp.qld.gov.au who will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Beutel', written in a cursive style.

Paul Beutel
MANAGER

