



Customer Panel Special Out of Session Meeting Summary

Date: Thursday, 16 February 2023	Start time: 1.30pm AEST	Finish time: 3:00pm	Venue: Microsoft Teams online	Meeting no: n/a
Facilitator: Gerard Reilly (Powerlink)		Summary: Wendy Miller (Powerlink)		
Attendees: Andrew Barger Andrew Broadbent Cherie Josephson Chris Hazzard Claire Hamilton Claudia Brumme-Smith David Hiette John Gardner Leanne Caelers Liz Kenwick proxy for Nicola Roscoe Mark Grenning Monica Rackley Robert Beattie Robyn Robinson Sharon McIntosh proxy for Jo Sheppard Warren Males	Powerlink panel members: Jenny Harris Gerard Reilly Daniel Andersen Brett Mann Wendy Miller Observers: Nicole Maguire Chris Arnold Sharon Dalton Apologies: -	Powerlink presenters: Gerard Reilly Roger Smith Guest presenters: Leanne Caelers		

Meeting summary

The Powerlink Customer Panel was convened for a 90 minute out-of-session panel meeting focused on the Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan (QEJP) and, in particular, Powerlink's planning and approach to delivering the backbone transmission infrastructure underpinning key QEJP targets.

An update on the Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan was provided by Leanne Caelers, followed by an introduction and overview of Powerlink's Supergrid strategy work. Detail can be found in the presentation material accompanying this meeting summary. Questions and comments were canvassed throughout the session as well as within a dedicated feedback session at the end of the presentations.

Panel members asked for additional information from guest presenter Leanne Caelers from the Department of Energy and Public Works on areas such as:

- consultation timeframes for the anticipated draft legislation – timeline provided in presentation
- electricity bill costs,
- details on regional consultations – will be published asap,
- how consumers would be accounted for and included within the new governance frameworks being proposed,
- opportunities and enablers for private investment, in particular in Northern Queensland,
- status of the Copperstring proposed transmission development.

In discussion with Powerlink on its briefing to members on its Supergrid Strategy work, panel members raised matters of interest and areas of importance for understanding and assessment including:

- risk allocation, cost allocation, allocation over time,
- cost and risk of inaction, with consideration of economy-wide implications
- basis and accuracy of cost estimates, cost changes / certainty of assumptions and inputs, cost outlooks,
- considerations on timing, timelines and deliverability of scale of works,
- coordination/use of inputs from the Integrated Systems Plan (ISP),
- the application of best practice procurement,
- factors for consideration in options e.g. cyclones,
- possible customer bill impact and any impact on productivity improvement commitment in current reg period.

Engagement will continue through the development of Powerlink's Supergrid strategy work. Panel members were invited to provide any further questions, areas they want to continue / deepen engagement on and to express interest in potential additional engagements over and above Customer Panel sessions to support close engagement on the development of this aspect of Powerlink's planning and delivery of its components of the QEJP.



Actions:

- Panel members to provide any further perspective on areas of interest and importance for further engagement
- Panel members to express interest in additional engagements over and above customer panel meetings
- Powerlink to confirm procurement practices to panel
- Powerlink to incorporate areas raised within March 30 Customer Panel

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