

# Appendix A

Pre-lodgement Advice and MID Checklist





Department of  
**State Development, Infrastructure,  
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Dear Mr Turton

### **Pre-lodgement advice – proposed Ministerial Infrastructure Designation (MID) – Transmission line relocation, Meandu Mine**

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**

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Real property description:	Lot 10 on SP305494, Lot 3 on RP176969 and Lot 289 on FTY1859
Local government area:	Toowoomba Regional Council and South Burnett Regional Council
Existing use:	Powerlink Tarong-Middle Ridge 275 kV transmission line

#### **Proposal details**

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Type of infrastructure:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Item 7: electricity operating works</li></ul>
Infrastructure description:	Transmission line relocation, Meandu Mine
State interests relevant to the assessment:	<p><u>Agriculture:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stock route network</li><li>• Agricultural land classification - class A and B</li></ul> <p><u>Biodiversity (MSES):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Protected areas (estate)</li><li>• Wildlife habitat (endangered or vulnerable and special</li></ul>

least concern animal)

- Regulation vegetation (category B, C, R, essential habitat and intersecting a watercourse)

Natural hazards, risk and resilience:

- Bushfire prone area

Energy and water supply:

- Major electricity infrastructure

Transport infrastructure:

- State-controlled road

## Supporting information

Plan / Report title	Author	Ref no.	Version / date
Initial Advice Request	WSP	PS128027-ENV-REP-001	24 November 2022

## Pre-lodgement advice

Item	Advice
<b>Infrastructure entity overview of proposal</b>	
1.	<p>The MID proposal seeks to relocate a portion of the Feeder 831 275 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Tarong and Middle Ridge substations, located just east of the Meandu Mine.</p> <p>The relocation is required to accommodate future mining activities within the approved site area of the Meandu Mine, which requires that a section of land underneath this line is mined.</p>
<b>Agriculture</b>	
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>
<b>Biodiversity</b>	
3.	<p>The site is mapped as containing various MSES.</p> <p>The MID proposal should be supported by an Ecological Assessment that assesses the impacts of and recommends measures that compensate for the environmental impacts.</p> <p>Where mitigation measures (such as compensatory planting) are proposed, the Ecological Assessment should clearly demonstrate that impacts to MSES have first been avoided and minimised.</p>
<b>Waterway barrier works</b>	
4.	<p>The proposed alignment intersects two mapped waterways for waterway barrier</p>

	<p>works.</p> <p>MID proposal should 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.</p> <p>Where any crossings of the mapped waterways are proposed, details of the crossings (detailed plans) should be provided, or alternatively confirmation that the works will be undertaken in accordance with the acceptable development requirements.</p>
<b>Bushfire</b>	
5.	<p>The site is mapped as potentially containing various bushfire prone areas.</p> <p>The MID proposal should be supported by a Bushfire Management Plan that assesses bushfire risk and recommends mitigation measures.</p>
<b>External works</b>	
6.	<p>Road works external to the sites may be required to facilitate the development, including any works for construction access.</p> <p>An analysis of potential external works and land dedications should be provided as part of the MID proposal.</p>
<b>State transport infrastructure</b>	
7.	<p>The site is adjacent to state transport corridors (New England Highway and the D'Aguilar Highway)</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>
<b>Traffic</b>	
8.	<p>The MID proposal should be supported by a Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA) that assesses the proposal's impact (particularly during construction) on the safety and efficiency of the road network and recommends any necessary mitigation measures for impacts resulting from the proposed development.</p> <p>The TIA should be prepared in accordance with the Department of Transport and Main Roads Guide to Traffic Impact Assessment.</p>
<b>Recommended technical reporting</b>	
9.	<p>It is recommended that the entity consider the following matters when preparing the MID proposal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Traffic impact assessment</li> <li>• Ecological assessment</li> <li>• Bushfire management plan (if required)</li> </ul>

## **General information**

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### 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 immediately adjoining properties. 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@dsdilgp.qld.gov.au](mailto:elliott.fairon@dsdilgp.qld.gov.au) who will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely



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**MANAGER**

# A1 Pre-lodgement Advice Checklist

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<b>Agriculture</b>		
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>	Section 4.10: Land use, existing services and Native Title
<b>Biodiversity</b>		
3.	<p>The site is mapped as containing various MSES.</p> <p>The MID proposal should be supported by an Ecological Assessment that assesses the impacts of and recommends measures that compensate for the environmental impacts.</p> <p>Where mitigation measures (such as compensatory planting) are proposed, the Ecological Assessment should clearly demonstrate that impacts to MSES have first been avoided and minimised.</p>	<p>Section 4.7: Biodiversity</p> <p>Section 4.8: Matters of Environmental Significance</p> <p>Section 4.9: Biosecurity</p> <p>Appendix E: Ecological Assessment Report</p>
<b>Waterway barrier works</b>		
4.	<p>The preferred alignment intersects two mapped waterways for waterway barrier works.</p> <p>MID proposal should 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.</p> <p>Where any crossings of the mapped waterways are proposed, details of the crossings (detailed plans) should be provided, or alternatively confirmation that the works will be undertaken in accordance with the acceptable development requirements.</p>	<p>Section 4.5: Hydrology</p> <p>Appendix D: Aquatic Ecology Technical Memo</p>
<b>Bushfire</b>		
5.	<p>The site is mapped as potentially containing various bushfire prone areas.</p> <p>The MID proposal should be supported by a Bushfire Management Plan that assesses bushfire risk and recommends mitigation measures.</p>	<p>Section 4.15: Bushfire risk</p> <p>Appendix I: Bushfire Mitigation - Plan</p>

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<b>External works</b>		
6.	<p>Road works external to the sites may be required to facilitate the development, including any works for construction access.</p> <p>An analysis of potential external works and land dedications should be provided as part of the MID proposal.</p>	<p>Section 4.13: Transport and traffic</p> <p>Appendix F: Traffic impact assessment</p>
<b>State transport infrastructure</b>		
7.	<p>The site is adjacent to state transport corridors (New England Highway and the D'Aguiar Highway).</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>	<p>Section 4.4: Noise and vibration</p> <p>Section 4.5: Hydrology</p> <p>Section 4.13: Transport and traffic</p> <p>Appendix F: Traffic Impact Assessment</p>
<b>Traffic</b>		
8.	<p>The MID proposal should be supported by a Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA) that assesses the proposal's impact (particularly during construction) on the safety and efficiency of the road network and recommends any necessary mitigation measures for impacts resulting from the proposed development.</p> <p>The TIA should be prepared in accordance with the Department of Transport and Main Roads Guide to Traffic Impact Assessment.</p>	<p>Section 4.13 Transport and traffic</p> <p>Appendix F: Traffic Impact Assessment</p>
<b>Recommended technical reporting</b>		
9.	Traffic impact assessment	Appendix F: Traffic Impact Assessment
	Ecological assessment	Appendix E: Ecological Assessment Report
	Bushfire management plan (if required)	<p>Section 4.154.15 Bushfire risk</p> <p>Appendix I Bushfire Mitigation - Plan</p>