

Wambo Wind Farm Connection Project

April 2023

Dear resident,

We are writing with an update on upcoming activities for Powerlink's work on the Wambo Wind Farm Connection Project.

Project overview



Powerlink has been engaged by the Wambo Wind Farm developers, Cubico Sustainable Investments and Stanwell Corporation, to connect the proposed development to our existing transmission network. This requires construction of a double circuit 275kV transmission line between a proposed substation at Diamondy on the Wambo Wind Farm site and Powerlink's existing Halys Substation (located 11km south east of Kumbia township). We will use the existing 132kV Tarong to Chinchilla transmission line corridor for the majority of the new alignment. The existing line will be decommissioned along the corridor and the easement is being widened from 50 to 60 metres to accommodate the new transmission line.

Project status



Valuations of properties along the alignment have now been completed by Herron Todd White. Powerlink is currently preparing compensation packages for consideration by landholders impacted by the transmission work. We will present offers to landholders in the near future, so we will make contact shortly to arrange a suitable time to meet at your property to discuss these compensation arrangements in more detail. We can walk you through the process around compensation and answer any questions you might have.

Our project team is also preparing to start preliminary construction works to remove the existing decommissioned transmission towers and line on your property. Once removal work is completed, and all relevant approvals have been finalised, we will start construction on the new 275kV transmission line. We will work closely with you to set up appropriate access arrangements and a schedule for works on your property to minimise impacts.

Preliminary works

Works will include:

- inspections and surveys
- installation of project signage and gates
- geotechnical investigations, if required
- upgrading access tracks to allow for removal of existing towers.



These works are expected to start in late April and will be completed in late June 2023 (weather dependent). Works will take place between 6.30am and 6.30pm, Monday to Saturday.

Future construction works

- Removal of existing transmission towers and line is estimated to take around five weeks per property. In some circumstances works may take longer due to terrain and property size. These works are planned to start from July and are expected to be completed by September 2023.
- Construction of the new 275kV transmission line is scheduled to commence in late 2023 and be completed in 2024.
- Timings may change pending weather and crew availability. We will continue to keep you informed on all property-specific activities during the project's construction phase.





Minimising potential impacts

We are committed to safely managing any potential impacts associated with these on-ground works. At all times, we aim to conduct our activities with as little disruption as possible.

All activities will be undertaken in accordance with agreed property entry conditions and Powerlink's Land Access Protocol, which can be viewed at www.powerlink.com.au. Project works will also comply with rigorous environmental management requirements.



Biosecurity

Powerlink recognises the effective prevention of weeds, pathogens and pests is a priority. We comply with the Biosecurity Act 2014 and take all reasonable and practical actions to ensure our activities do not introduce or spread biosecurity matter. We are committed to working with you to identify any potential biosecurity risks and develop appropriate management methods. Please contact the Powerlink representative below if you would like to further discuss biosecurity considerations for your property.

Ministerial Infrastructure Designation

The Ministerial Infrastructure Designation (MID) Proposal related to the required easement widening works for the project was released in February 2023 for public review and comment. The Proposal was submitted to the Queensland Government's Planning Minister for approval under the *Planning Act 2016*, with submissions invited from landholders, the community and other stakeholders by 29 March 2023. The Planning Minister is reviewing submissions received on the MID Proposal and Powerlink will provide support to finalise the document.

Further information

We will keep you updated as this work progresses. If you would like any further information, please contact: Jane Walker, Landholder Relations Advisor, Ph: 0483 166 531, email: jane.walker@powerlink.com.au

We thank you for your patience as we undertake this important work.

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