



Message from the CopperString 2032 Project Director

We have achieved many great milestones that we can all be proud of since the project transitioned to Powerlink in March 2023.

Importantly, we've had the announcement of \$1.3 billion to further progress works into 2024, and signed the Project Delivery Launch Agreement with our contractors.

It has been an exciting year for the Powerlink-led CopperString 2032 project and no doubt a memorable year for our stakeholders.

Powerlink is not just building a transmission line with CopperString 2032. We're looking to enhance the lives and livelihoods of the people in these local communities and enable economic and environmental outcomes. I'm passionate about seeing this goal realised for the benefit of the communities in which we operate.

I wish you a happy new year and a very Merry Christmas from myself and the entire CopperString project team.

Kind regards,
Tom Dockray

\$1.3 billion announcement

In October, the Queensland Government announced \$1.3 billion to advance the delivery of the \$5 billion CopperString 2032 project.

The funding will get the project ready to break ground in mid-2024 and includes the establishment of 100 permanent project jobs, procurement of electrical equipment with long lead times, completion of all site investigations, detailed planning and design, and advancement of site infrastructure works, including camps and access works.

Project Delivery Launch Agreement signing

A significant milestone was achieved by the CopperString 2032 project team and UGL CPB Contractors Joint Venture in early December with the signing of the Project Delivery Launch Agreement (PDLA).

The signing of the PDLA progresses the engineering design, site investigations and access work as part of delivering the new 840km transmission line.



L-R: Vince Sanfilippo - General Manager for CPB Contractors QLD & PNG, Ian Lowry - Powerlink Queensland Executive General Manager Major Projects, Glenn McIlroy - CPB Contractors Executive General Manager QLD and PNG, WA, SA & NT, John Greaves - General Manager Utilities at UGL, Tom Dockray - CopperString Project Director, Matt Lennon - Operations Manager CPB Contractors.

Acknowledgement

Powerlink acknowledges the Traditional Owners and their custodianship of the lands and waters of Queensland and in particular, the lands on which we operate. We pay our respect to their Ancestors, Elders and knowledge holders and recognise their deep history and ongoing connection to Country.

Local supplier and employment opportunities

We're working with the UGL CPB Contractors Joint Venture to maximise local employment and procurement opportunities wherever possible for CopperString 2032.

In September, 50 works packages were advertised for local suppliers to express their interest. Information gathered from this process will provide valuable insights into the region's capability and capacity to work on the project when tendering opportunities become available in the future.

In partnership with the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and UGL CPB Contractors, we hosted a local supplier road show across the project area.

In October, industry briefing sessions took place in Mt Isa, Cloncurry, Julia Creek, Richmond, Hughenden, Charters Towers, Ayr and Townsville. More than 600 people attended to learn how they could potentially get involved in the project.

Local businesses that missed the deadline to register their interest are encouraged to contact our project team via copperstring2032@powerlink.com.au





Project engagement

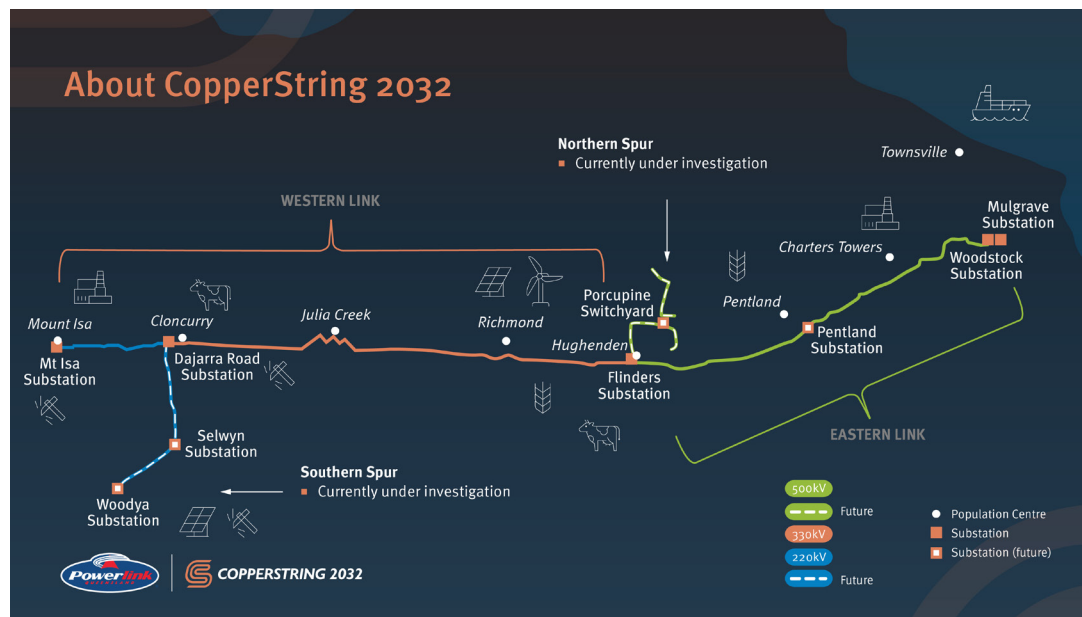
Since taking over the project in March 2023, Powerlink has been actively engaging with communities and stakeholders. A number of events have been held along the project corridor that have invited community members and local businesses to learn more about CopperString 2032.

Most recently, in December senior members of the project team drove the north-western section of the corridor, meeting with Local Government stakeholders from Charters Towers out to Mt Isa. The team said this trip was a highlight to date, and thanked the local councils and townships involved for the warm welcome and hospitality. The project team looks forward to continuing to work with Local Government, other stakeholders and local communities in the area as the project progresses.

Breaking ground in mid-2024

Early site work activities are expected to commence in mid-2024 and include specific site infrastructure works for the project's accommodation camps.

In addition, next year we will continue design work, progress updated approvals processes, continue detailed studies into elements such as traffic management, build on existing stakeholder and community relationships and develop new ones with project stakeholders.



Keep in touch

We invite you to contact us for more information or to share your feedback on CopperString 2032 at any time.

- Call our project team on **1800 635 369**
- Email us at copperstring2032@powerlink.com.au
- Visit our project webpage at www.powerlink.com.au/copperstring2032
- Submit your feedback via the project's online feedback form at <https://forms.office.com/r/GCxuNMpii7> or via the QR code to the left.

Please note, information you share may be provided to relevant State Government departments to help with their planning for the project.