

# Project Participation and Access Allowance

A GUIDE FOR LANDHOLDERS

## About this brochure

Powerlink introduced the Project Participation and Access Allowance (PPAA) in recognition of the important role of landholders in planning and delivering our transmission projects.

Following a detailed review, an updated approach was developed that reflects contemporary industry standards.

## Landholder PPAA payment

To select new transmission line routes or substation sites, Powerlink uses a process that carefully assesses social, environmental and economic factors.

Once a final corridor for an upcoming transmission line project or site for a substation project is identified, we engage further with potentially affected landholders to better understand the use of land, terrain, land practices and values within the final corridor and/or site. This engagement includes access for on-site land studies such as:

- inspections to refine the transmission line route and understand property impacts
- field surveys
- cultural heritage assessments
- geotechnical investigations
- easement or site surveys.

Powerlink appreciates the cooperation of landholders in providing valuable information about their properties, as well as facilitating our access to gather important on-ground information.

In recognition of their cooperation and participation in this process, we provide a PPAA to eligible landholders.

*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.*

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## What is the PPAA?

The PPAA acknowledges the efforts of landholders in providing input into and facilitating access to their property for field investigations for new high voltage transmission lines and substations.

The allowance is paid to support gaining access to properties and the identification and selection of an easement alignment or site selection process.

Accessing a property and payment of the PPAA does not guarantee that an easement or site will ultimately be acquired on the property. Many factors including the results of the on-ground tests will help to determine the final easement location.

The PPAA will be paid to eligible properties even if Powerlink decides not to proceed with a particular easement alignment or substation on that property.

The PPAA is separate and in addition to compensation paid under the *Acquisition of Land Act 1967*, which is paid if an easement or substation is to be progressed on that land.

## Who is eligible for the PPAA?

The PPAA will apply to individual lots that have been identified by Powerlink as ones we need to access for field investigations to progress project planning activities for a transmission line or substation.

A landholder must be the registered owner of the property to receive the PPAA or be nominated in writing by the registered owner to receive the PPAA. Where there is more than one registered owner of a property the registered owners are to nominate in writing how the PPAA is to be paid to the registered owners.

## What allowance will eligible landholders receive?

The PPAA will comprise a payment of \$5,000 (plus GST if applicable) for an initial 12-month period of access for field investigations.

An additional amount of \$5,000 (plus GST if applicable) is payable for each further 12-month period of access for field investigations (or part thereof).

The PPAA amount is the same for transmission line and substation projects.

## How do you apply for the PPAA and when it will be paid?

Powerlink's Landholder Relations representatives will discuss with landholders as part of our ongoing project engagement processes regarding whether their property may be accessed for field studies and could be eligible for the PPAA, and how to access the payment.

Eligible landholders will receive PPAA payments following completion of our payment form, and typically within 30 business days of receipt.

## Other brochures

Our website features a range of brochures including Payment Framework, Land Access, Transmission Easement Engagement Process and more.



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## Further information

We encourage you to contact your **Landholder Relations representative** directly, or by calling Powerlink's General Enquiries **FREECALL number on 1800 635 369** (during business hours) and asking for Landholder Relations.