

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Hughenden workforce accommodation and facilities

Why was Hughenden chosen as a site for workforce accommodation and facilities?

The Hughenden location is a parcel of land owned by the Queensland Government and held in trust by Flinders Shire Council. Located south of Hughenden, the site allows access from the Flinders Highway and safe travel distances for the CopperString 2032 workforce.

The Hughenden site is the first of six workforce accommodation and facilities proposed to be built along the project corridor. It will allow for work on nearby Flinders Substation and the first stages of the transmission line, along with other project activities.

How many people will be housed at the Hughenden workforce accommodation?

The Hughenden workforce accommodation and facilities are proposed to typically accommodate between 400-450 people (with a periodic peak of 550) and will include both the Flinders Substation workforce and the transmission line workforce.

What is involved with constructing the workforce accommodation and facilities?

We will first build a temporary facility for the 30-50 people who will construct the Hughenden workforce accommodation and facilities. This is so we can provide accommodation for our workforce while not overwhelming local accommodation providers to the detriment of visitors and Hughenden's tourism industry.

The site will be cleared, fenced and prepared for ready-made modular buildings to be delivered and erected on site. Services such as sewerage, water, power and internet will be installed and connected, and the facility will be stocked with furniture, equipment and consumables.

How will construction activities be managed?

Construction will include the use of machinery such as excavators, trucks and mobile cranes. We will ensure that impacts such as dust are managed with the use of water trucks and other environmental controls.

The sites will be managed in accordance with strict environmental controls. One of the first activities at this location will be ecological surveys to ensure we identify and appropriately manage our activities.

The site will mainly be accessed from the Flinders Highway and Flinders Shire Council access roads, with traffic control measures in place if and when necessary.

Connections to utilities such as power, water and sewer will be carefully managed in consultation with Flinders Shire Council. Some short-term localised interruptions to supply may be necessary when making these connections. We will work with utility organisations to manage any impacts to the local community.

How long will the workforce accommodation and facilities take to construct?

The Hughenden workforce accommodation and facilities will take approximately six to eight months to construct.

How will the facility be serviced?

A contract will be awarded for the management of the workforce accommodation and facilities which may include sourcing of staff and supplies, such as cleaners, laundry, meat, bakery, groceries, office supplies, waste removal and more.

What are the hours of operation of the facility?

Hours of construction are 6:30am-6:30pm, Monday to Sunday. However, there will be movement at the facility around these hours as personnel rest, relax and travel to and from work sites. Some work may need to be undertaken outside of these hours according to safety and other permitting requirements. This may include works that will affect traffic or if there are oversized deliveries which need to be managed.

How will personnel travel to the facility and then on to individual sites?

A variety of different routes and vehicles such as four-wheel drives, cars and buses will be used to travel to and from the Hughenden workforce accommodation site. Mobile facilities such as wash rooms and lunch rooms will also be used throughout the project alignment when the workforce are away from the main accommodation and facilities at Hughenden.

What will be located at the workforce accommodation and facilities?

Rooms with ensuites, offices, kitchen and dining facilities, gym, first aid, materials laydown and storage, maintenance areas, as well as offices for professional staff and vehicle parking.

What will happen if there are issues with personnel in town – i.e. bad behaviour?

The project is committed to ensuring we are good neighbours to the community of Hughenden and the region. All personnel will be held to a strict code of conduct and all reported breaches will be investigated.

What is going to happen to the facility after the project?

The project team are working with local stakeholders to determine the potential future options and uses of the facility.

We are committed to enhancing the lives and livelihoods of the stakeholders and communities in which we are working. We will do this through our local and Indigenous participation plan for employment and procurement and striving to look local and buy local wherever possible.

General timeframes

Timing	Works
June 2024 (for approx. 3 months)	Civil work and temporary accommodation construction
September 2024 (for approx. 6-8 months)	Main workforce accommodation and facilities construction
Mid-2025	Operator will stock workforce accommodation and facilities
Mid to late 2025	Ready for personnel

What are the shifts? Is the changeover on the same day from the same place?

There will be various shifts 10 on/4 off (current). During peak construction, it is expected there will be multiple rosters 21 on/7 off, with multiple crews working every day.

Will construction/workforce accommodation be affected by the wet season?

We understand it's not uncommon for the Flinders Highway to be cut off in the wet season. Allowances have been made in the construction program and contingencies with respect to mobilisation of personnel, as well as the delivery of goods and services to the Hughenden workforce accommodation and facilities.



Will jobs and supply opportunities be given to the Hughenden community?

Powerlink and the UGL CPB Contractors Joint Venture are working together to engage with the local community and local and Indigenous suppliers to identify opportunities to work on the project.

If you wish to be involved in the project, either for direct employment or have a business or services to offer, please get in contact with the UGL CPB Contractors Joint Venture via info@uglcpbcus.com.au.