

Wambo Wind Farm Connection Project

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About the project

Powerlink has been engaged by Stanwell and Cubico Sustainable Investments (Cubico) to connect the Wambo Wind Farm to Queensland's transmission network.

This will require construction of a double circuit 275kV transmission line between a new substation at Diamondy on the Wambo Wind Farm site tracking east for approximately 47km and connecting into Powerlink's existing Halys Substation (located 11km south-east of Kumbia township).

Visit wambowindfarm.com.au to find out more.

Construction and project highlights

Construction

- Construction of the transmission line is progressing across all sections of the project alignment with over 70% of transmission towers already assembled.
- Over 50% of transmission line stringing has now been completed.
- Construction of the Diamondy Substation is nearing completion with testing and commissioning to begin in August 2024.

Community

- Powerlink has continued to work closely and collaboratively with individual landholders involved with this project.
- Alongside Stanwell and Cubico, Powerlink has hosted numerous community coffee catch-ups to share project information and updates.
- We have attended and supported various community events such as the local race days and the Jandowae Timbertown Festival.
- We have supported the Taralga Retirement Village's new community van to transport their residents to important medical appointments and social outings.
- We continue to engage with our next generation of leaders through visits to local schools where we discuss plans for a cleaner energy future.

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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Focusing on lasting and respectful relationships with our landholders

Construction of the transmission line project is well underway with completion and energisation scheduled for late 2024.

At all stages of this project, the Wambo project team, in particular Landholder Relations Advisor Jane Walker and Project Manager Simon Klein, have prioritised building strong and positive relationships with landholders and developing lasting connections with the local community.

Jane shared valuable insights about managing engagement on a complex project like this one, with many moving pieces and emphasised the importance of engaging early and regularly.

“Effective engagement occurs when there are clear expectations about the scope of the project from the outset,” Jane said.

“Listening is crucial, and it’s important to be flexible and work towards solutions that assist both the landholder and Powerlink, especially in situations where multiple construction activities are underway on a landholder’s property.

“I have learnt a lot from working with landholders along the Wambo alignment which I’ll continue to share with my colleagues in Powerlink as we deliver more renewable connection projects in coming years.”

A key function of Simon’s role as Project Manager is meticulous planning throughout construction work and being considerate of landholders’ needs during the process.



Our Landholder Relations Advisor Jane Walker meeting with a project landholder



Simon Klein, Project Manager for the Wambo Wind Farm Connection Project

“Being responsive and accommodating to matters raised by landholders is a priority for our team,” Simon said.

“It’s important to be considerate and mindful of the small things that can mean a lot for a landholder, such as shutting a gate on their property.

“I would sincerely like to thank landholders for their continued support and assistance with providing valuable information about their properties and being patient as we continue to deliver this important project.”

You can find a video highlighting our team’s work and our engagement approach with landholders involved in this project by visiting our website:

powerlink.com.au/wambo



Diamondy Substation

Construction of the Diamondy Substation is nearing completion. Testing and commissioning of the substation will begin in August 2024.

Transmission line stringing

Powerlink is progressing with line stringing between the transmission towers. Landholders close to the line may notice a slow-moving helicopter which is being used for this process in order to minimise impacts on land use, the environment and traffic. This process involves a helicopter stringing a draw wire through rollers attached to the tower cross-arms.

Winches then pull the aluminium conductors (wires) through the rollers. Once the conductors are drawn through, work crews will use fittings and hardware to tension the clamp conductors to each tower. We anticipate that the stringing will be complete by Q3 2024 (weather dependent).



Engaging with the community

In February and May 2024, Powerlink in collaboration with Stanwell and Cubico invited the community to attend coffee catch-ups at Wombats Café in Jandowae.

Our May session was one of our busiest yet and it was great to meet and speak with community members who were interested to learn more about further stages of the Wambo Wind Farm and Powerlink's activities, projects and future plans.

We would also like to thank café staff and owners for their great service.

Next coffee catch-up

Friday 26 July 2024 – 8am to 11am

Wombats Café & Grill

48 High Street, Jandowae

Project timeline

- **April 2023**
Preliminary works
- **May 2023**
Commence removal of decommissioned transmission towers
- **August 2023**
Ministerial Infrastructure Designation approval
- **October 2023**
Construction commences
- **Late 2024**
Project completion and line energisation

Construction progress

Transmission line

Dismantling of transmission towers:

100% complete

Foundation works:

100% complete

Tower assembly and installation:

73% complete

Tower stringing:

51% complete

Diamondy Substation:

75% complete



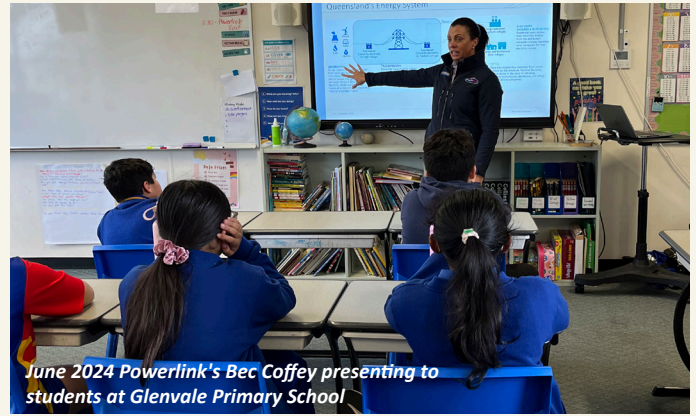
Jandowae Timbertown Festival

Powerlink was pleased to contribute to the local community in Jandowae by sponsoring one of its largest events, the Timbertown Festival.

It was wonderful to interact with the local community and learn about the town's history and origins.

We met with many people who wanted to know more about our business including employment opportunities and our plans to support renewable projects in the region.

We also received helpful feedback that will assist Powerlink in supporting local communities in the future.



Educating our next generation

Our Wambo Wind Farm Connection Project's Community Relations Advisor Bec Coffey recently presented to students at Glenvale Primary School in Toowoomba about the importance of sustainability and renewable energy.

Bec provided some great information on the Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan and the associated energy transformation underway.

Bec also shared information about Powerlink's existing infrastructure, operations and some of the projects being planned and built in the region.

Meeting the students was a privilege and a great opportunity to educate the future leaders of tomorrow about our plans for a greener future.

About Powerlink Queensland

Powerlink is a Government Owned Corporation that owns, develops, operates and maintains the transmission network in Queensland.

We connect Queenslanders to a world-class energy future, providing electricity to more than five million Queenslanders and 253,000 businesses.

We are also responsible for connecting large-scale renewable energy developments, including wind and solar, and providing electricity to large industrial customers in the rail, mining and LNG sectors.

More information

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