



GLADSTONE PROJECT

Procurement and Local Participation

About the Gladstone Project

Powerlink is delivering the Gladstone Project to ensure the electricity network remains safe and reliable, as the region prepares for the eventual retirement of the Gladstone Power Station, and heavy industry moves toward using renewable energy sources.

It is a critical program of transmission upgrades that will see several projects planned, assessed and delivered in stages over the next decade. It will involve constructing new transmission lines and new transmission infrastructure such as substations and associated equipment.

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

Stages of work

The Gladstone Project is expected to be implemented in three stages. Stage 1 of the Gladstone Project involves construction of the Calvale to Calliope River Transmission Line Reinforcement Project. Stage 1 also includes works at the existing Calvale Substation and expanding the existing Calliope River Substation.

Timeframes and details for future stages cannot be confirmed at this stage. Planning for future stages of the Gladstone Project is in the early stages and no engagement on corridor selection work has been undertaken at this point, except for the Calvale to Calliope River transmission line. As future stages are confirmed, Powerlink will engage with relevant stakeholders and seek their input.

Supplier Expressions of Interest

Powerlink is seeking to understand the capability and capacity of the supply chain interested in providing goods or services to the Gladstone Project.

This Expression of Interest (EOI) process will inform our approach to procurement and project delivery. Powerlink is using ICN Gateway to facilitate this process.

EOIs opened on 14 January 2025 and will run through until 30 April 2025. More than 50 work packages are open for EOIs, covering a wide range of goods and services required to deliver the project. To find out more about the work packages and submit an EOI, visit <https://thegladstoneproject.icn.org.au>.



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.

Procurement

The Gladstone Project is a large scope of works and Powerlink will be engaging a main works contractor to undertake most of the procurement. While Powerlink will be procuring specialist technical items, most procurement will occur through the appointed contractor. The procurement process for that contractor is underway, and once appointed, suppliers who register their EOI will be notified.

How will EOIs be used?

Once a business has completed the ICN Gateway registration and submitted an EOI, the application and its details will form part of the Gladstone Project Supplier Register. This Register will be used to identify the capability and capacity of local and Indigenous businesses and contains information collected whilst researching the market.

The Supplier Register will be used to:

- undertake a market analysis to maximise participation
- inform the main works contractor undertaking procurement activities
- identify opportunities to build local capability and capacity
- maintain engagement with local and Indigenous businesses during the project phases
- specify targeted local objectives and contracting strategies.

As packages become available, relevant businesses on the Supplier Register may be contacted for more information or to find whether they are interested in receiving a specific tender scope and submitting a quotation.

Local industry participation

Powerlink is committed to providing opportunities for Australian, local and Indigenous industry participation and ensuring that the economic benefits of the Gladstone Project are realised.

We will be working closely with our main works contractor (as they come on board) to identify and define potential opportunities for local and Indigenous businesses to be involved as part of the Gladstone Project.

While an EOI is not guaranteed to progress further, we have developed a tiered approach to participation with local and Indigenous businesses as the top tier, ahead of the rest of Queensland and Australia, and internationally. The following Local Government Areas fall within a 125km radius of the project corridor, and are considered local for project participation:

- Banana Regional Council
- Central Highlands Regional Council
- Gladstone Regional Council
- Livingstone Regional Council
- North Burnett Regional Council
- Rockhampton Regional Council
- Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council.



Further information

A Supplier Completion Guide has been developed to provide general and introductory information for suppliers who are interested in submitting an EOI via the ICN Gateway for consideration of opportunities on the Gladstone Project. This guide is available at the project ICN Gateway page: <https://thegladstoneproject.icn.org.au>.

EOIs must be submitted through the ICN Gateway. For enquiries, please contact gladstonesuppliers@powerlink.com.au.

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