

# Central Queensland Transmission Update

## POWERLINK QUEENSLAND

### Powerlink partners with CapRescue

Powerlink recognises the importance of regional Queenslanders having access to rapid response medical care. That's why we are proud to be a Blue Sky Partner of CapRescue for the next three years.

With Powerlink's growing presence in Central Queensland, this partnership signifies our commitment to the communities we operate in and our strong focus on safety.

CapRescue's two helicopters rapidly deploy medical and rescue teams to major traffic accidents, workplace incidents, disaster support and other urgent medical responses, 24 hours a day, every day of the year.



### What's new

Since our last update in early 2025, we have:

- announced our three year Blue Sky partnership with CapRescue
- commenced engagement with landholders, local councils, elected representatives and Traditional Owner groups as part of planning for a new transmission line between Bouldercombe and Larcom Creek substations
- completed an Expression of Interest process for the Gladstone Project, as part of early market testing to inform our procurement strategies.

*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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## Transforming power supply in Central Queensland

Powerlink needs to reinforce its transmission network in the Gladstone area over the next ten years. This is important to ensure an ongoing reliable and secure electricity supply to the region, as the largest load centre outside of south-east Queensland.

The area's role in the wider power system is changing significantly. The eventual retirement of the Gladstone Power Station and the potential for electrification of local industry, means that we will need to bring more generation from other parts of the state to power the local economy.

## Procurement and local participation

Between January and April 2025, Powerlink held an early Expression of Interest (EOI) process for the Gladstone Project. This was undertaken as part of early market testing, and to inform our procurement approach.

Powerlink is now in the process of appointing a main works contractor from our experienced supplier panel. This contractor will manage the bulk of the project's local procurement activities, with Powerlink directly procuring some specialised technical goods and services. The successful contractor will be expected to include detailed local and Indigenous procurement and employment plans in their technical offering.

We will keep communities and businesses informed as selection of the main works contractor progresses and, in coming months, there will be opportunities to engage with Powerlink and our contractors more broadly across the region.

To stay updated, register to receive project email updates at: [www.powerlink.com.au/gladstoneproject](http://www.powerlink.com.au/gladstoneproject).



## Our current projects

### Transmission Network Reinforcement works

Powerlink plans to deliver the Gladstone Project which will strengthen and increase capacity of the electricity transmission network in the region. This critical program of transmission upgrades will ensure the safety and reliability of the electricity network as the region prepares for the eventual retirement of the Gladstone Power Station, and heavy industry moves toward electrification of their operations increasing demand on the network.

The Gladstone Project, if funded and approved, will see several key projects planned, assessed and delivered in stages over the next decade. This will include new transmission lines and new transmission infrastructure such as substations and associated equipment.

The Gladstone Project is in the early stages of planning. As planning progresses, Powerlink will engage with landholders, Traditional Owner groups, the community and other stakeholders, and seek their input.

Powerlink is progressing an investment assessment for this under the Queensland Priority Transmission Investment framework. For more information on the Gladstone Project, read on or visit [www.powerlink.com.au/gladstoneproject](http://www.powerlink.com.au/gladstoneproject).

Project	Overview
<b>Calvale to Calliope River Transmission Line Reinforcement Project</b>  <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.powerlink.com.au/calvale-calliope">www.powerlink.com.au/calvale-calliope</a>	<p>Powerlink is planning for a new transmission line between Calvale Substation (near Callide Power Station) and Calliope River Substation (near Gladstone). The line will be around 87km long and mostly co-located beside existing 275kV transmission lines in spare existing easements.</p> <p>Connecting the new transmission line to our electricity network will also involve upgrade works at both the Calvale and Calliope River substations.</p> <p>Early works, including geotechnical investigations and ecological surveys, are underway to help inform our planning and assessment activities.</p> <p>Main construction works for the transmission line are expected to start in mid-2026. However this will depend on the progress and outcome of the formal approval process, which is currently underway. If approved and funded, this project will become Stage 1 of the Gladstone Project.</p>
<b>Bouldercombe to Larcom Creek Transmission Line Reinforcement Project</b>  <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.powerlink.com.au/bouldercombe-larcomcreek">www.powerlink.com.au/bouldercombe-larcomcreek</a>	<p>Powerlink is in the early stages of planning for a new transmission line between the Bouldercombe and Larcom Creek substations. The line will be approximately 100km long and mostly co-located beside existing 275kV transmission lines in spare existing easements.</p> <p>Powerlink has been engaging with directly impacted landholders and Traditional Owner groups, and will be seeking feedback from the wider community in the coming months. If approved and funded, this project will become Stage 2 of the Gladstone Project.</p>

### Connection projects

Powerlink, as the Transmission Network Service Provider (TNSP) in Queensland, operates under the National Electricity Rules (NER) which define our obligation to connect generation projects to Queensland's electricity network. This means that Powerlink is obligated to connect any proponent (such as a generator) to the transmission network, provided they meet the relevant technical and regulatory requirements. Currently, there are two such projects underway in Central Queensland:

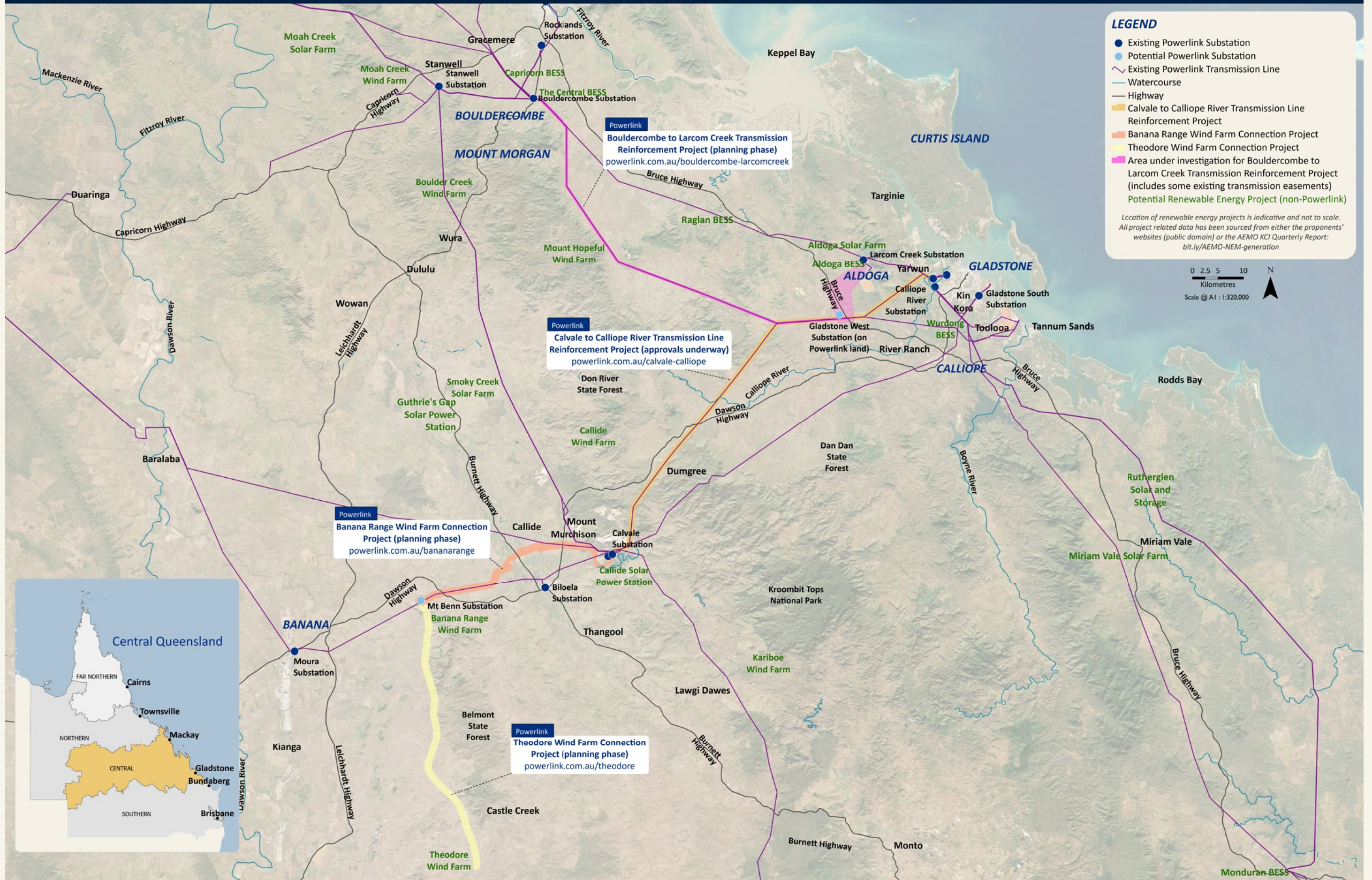
1. Banana Range Wind Farm Connection Project (for more information, see [www.powerlink.com.au/bananarange](http://www.powerlink.com.au/bananarange))
2. Theodore Wind Farm Connection Project (for more information, see [www.powerlink.com.au/theodore](http://www.powerlink.com.au/theodore))





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## POWERLINK QUEENSLAND'S TRANSMISSION NETWORK IN CENTRAL QUEENSLAND - JULY 2025



\* The area to the right of the Bruce Highway is subject to a corridor selection process. For more information on this project please see [powerlink.com.au/bouldercombe-larcomcreek](http://powerlink.com.au/bouldercombe-larcomcreek).



## Powerlink’s Community Grants open in July 2025

Community groups, clubs and not-for-profit organisations in eligible local government areas will soon be able to apply for support through the next round of Powerlink’s Community Grants program when they open on 21 July 2025.

Eligible local government areas for this round include Isaac Regional Council, Rockhampton Regional Council, Gladstone Regional Council and Banana Shire Council.

**Apply here: [powerlink.smartygrants.com.au/2025CommunityGrantProgram](https://powerlink.smartygrants.com.au/2025CommunityGrantProgram)**

Funding will be available to support initiatives and activities in regional Queensland for projects to be delivered between January and December 2026.

For more information, please visit: [www.powerlink.com.au/communitygrants](https://www.powerlink.com.au/communitygrants)

Last year, 14 community groups in Central Queensland shared almost \$50,000 in funding, including the following recipients:

- **Biloela Scout Group** – for deep cycle batteries to connect to solar power at Camp Illawong
- **Callide Valley Tennis Association** – for new canteen equipment and a chalk line marker
- **Central Queensland Hospital Foundation** – to improve paediatric maternity services at Gladstone Hospital
- **Gladstone Men’s Shed Association** – for a multi-process welder
- **Theodore State School P&C Association** – for a mini multi-purpose court at the high school
- **Wowan Fire Brigade** – for equipment to support dry fire-fighting techniques



*Gladstone Men's Shed President Gerry Graham with Eliza, Powerlink Community Relations Advisor*

## What’s happening with the proposed Renewable Energy Zones (REZs)?

The Queensland Government’s release of a five-year Queensland Energy Roadmap later this year will outline its strategic priorities for the state’s energy sector.

The Queensland Government wants to promote least cost, responsible energy development that ensures that communities have a voice and benefit.

Powerlink will continue to support the government to deliver a safe, reliable and cost effective transmission network for Queenslanders.

Powerlink sincerely thanks our community and industry stakeholders for your interest in REZs, and your valuable feedback to date. We will continue to keep you updated on progress with the Queensland Energy Roadmap and REZ framework.

## Powerlink’s new home in Central Queensland

Powerlink is advancing the development of the Gladstone Hub, which will be the base for our growing Central Queensland operations.

Our new purpose-built facility will be located in Bensted Road, Callemondah, and will include modern training facilities, workshops, and operational spaces.

We look forward to partnering with local suppliers and contractors once we finalise the design and move to construction phase.

If you have a question about the Gladstone Hub, or would like to receive progress updates, please send our team an email at [gladstonehubproject@powerlink.com.au](mailto:gladstonehubproject@powerlink.com.au)



## Out and about

### Pest Animal and Weed Symposium 2025

In May 2025, Powerlink was pleased to sponsor a biosecurity field tour as part of the recent Pest Animal and Weed Symposium 2025, hosted by the Gladstone Area Water Board (GAWB).

This was an opportunity for attendees to gain an understanding of Gladstone’s diverse landscape, learn about types of invasive pests and weeds this area seeks to manage. Participating in the site tour were transmission and energy sector staff, environmental specialists, trainee rangers, water catchment associations, and Council rural services and community engagement team members. Powerlink team members appreciated the opportunity to be involved in this important event.



## Tree planting at the Bouldercombe Substation

Local residents passing by our Bouldercombe Substation may have noticed that Powerlink has started to plant a row of large lilly pillies, and install supporting irrigation, along the front fence line of the substation nearest the highway.

This work is in response to a request from local community group, the Bouldercombe Renewables Group, to install vegetation screening at the site.

We have completed stage one of the planting, with another stage yet to come.

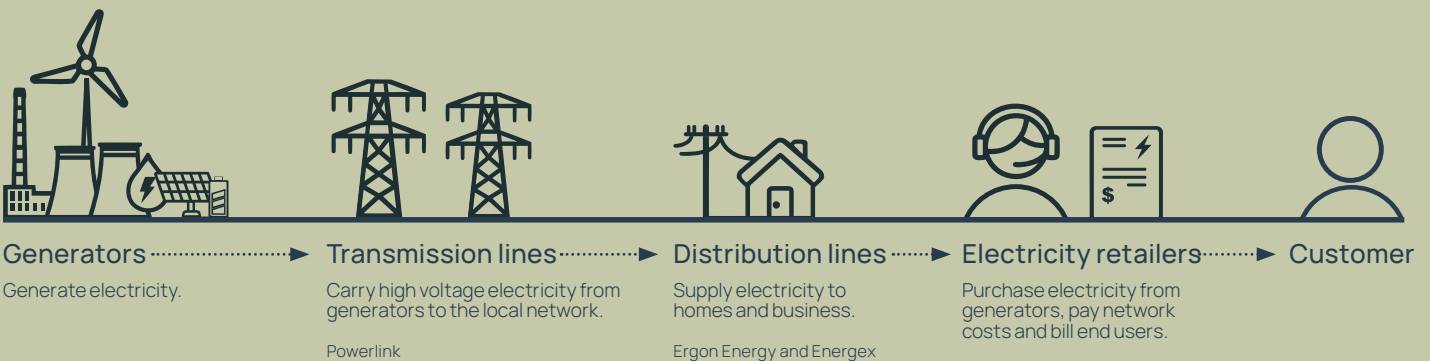
We value input from communities who live near our long-standing infrastructure, and look forward to taking care of these trees and watching them grow for many years to come.







## Electricity supply chain



## About Powerlink

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 241,000 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.

## Contact us

For more details on our activities in Central Queensland, please contact us by:

- **Email:** [cqprojects@powerlink.com.au](mailto:cqprojects@powerlink.com.au)
- **Phone:** 1800 635 369 (Monday to Friday, 7.30am – 5pm).

Landholders of our current projects are also welcome to contact their Landholder Relations Advisor.

## Come and meet the team!

We will be coming to the following locations and we'd love to see you there.

**Thursday 31 July 2025, 5pm-8pm**  
Bouldercombe Sport and Recreation Complex  
52496 Burnett Highway, Bouldercombe

**Thursday 31 July 2025, 4pm-9pm**  
Gladstone Centre Plaza – Opposite Williams  
Corner of Dawson Highway and Philip Street, West Gladstone

**Saturday 2 August 2025, 8am-12pm**  
Stockland Rockhampton Shopping Centre – In front of Coffee Club  
120-331 Yaamba Road, North Rockhampton

**Saturday 2 August 2025, 8am-12pm**  
Outside of FoodWorks  
Shop 2 25/27 Dawson Highway, Biloela

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