



29 July 2025

Dear stakeholder,

GAWARA BAYA WIND FARM CONNECTION PROJECT

I am writing to you to advise of a proposed Powerlink project to enable connection of the Gawara Baya Wind Farm to Powerlink's transmission network via our Guybal Munjan Switching Station in Mount Fox.

The project will include:

- expansion of the existing Guybal Munjan Switching Station footprint
- two 275kV single circuit transmission lines
- six transmission poles
- access tracks.

The works will remain largely within the existing switching station lot owned by Powerlink plus a small section of the adjoining Knuckledown Road reserve. Please refer to the enclosed project map for information on the project location.

Powerlink takes our environmental responsibilities seriously and we are committed to comprehensively managing any potential environmental impacts resulting from our proposed activities for this project.

Commonwealth environmental approvals

In July 2025, Powerlink referred the project to the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) for assessment under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (the EPBC Act). The EPBC Act is Australia's national environmental law. It protects and manages Australia's 'nationally significant' animals, plants, habitats and places.

We submitted this referral because environmental studies found there will be some activities in the project area that may impact on protected species and habitat listed under the EPBC Act.

EPBC Act referral – public consultation commencing in August 2025

DCCEEW will soon undertake a 10 business day public consultation period for Powerlink's EPBC referral (2025-10246). Landholders, Traditional Owner groups, the community and other stakeholders will be able to view Powerlink's referral under the EPBC Act and provide comment.

This process is managed by DCCEEW. The documents will be published on the EPBC Act Public Portal on DCCEEW's website (<https://epbcpublicportal.environment.gov.au>).

Following this consultation period, DCCEEW will decide whether to classify the project as a 'Controlled Action', which means the project would require Commonwealth approval under the EPBC Act.

State environment and planning approvals

Powerlink is also seeking planning approval from the Queensland Government, under the Ministerial Infrastructure Designation (MID) process. As there is currently an approved MID in place for the Guybal



Munjan Substation as part of the Genex Kidston Connection Project, Powerlink is proposing a minor amendment to the existing MID to facilitate project delivery.

An endorsement request for a minor amendment to the existing MID was issued to the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning (DSDIP) in early July 2025 and, if endorsed, Powerlink will lodge a MID minor amendment proposal which will include a future public consultation period. This process is managed by DSDIP with input from other government agencies.

We will notify landholders, Traditional Owner groups, the community and other key stakeholders at the time about how to have your say on the proposed amendment.

Further information

We will continue providing updates as the project progresses. If you have any questions about the project, please contact us at nqprojects@powerlink.com.au or phone 07 4034 7600.

Landholders neighbouring the switching station are also welcome to contact our Landholder Relations Advisor, Roisin McDonald, on 0429 562 360 or email landholderrelations@powerlink.com.au.

Kind regards,

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