

EPBC referral decision – Borumba to Halys Transmission Connection

Dear community member

In late August 2025, Powerlink lodged its referral for the Borumba to Halys Transmission Connection under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC). The public comment period for the referral closed on 8 September 2025 with 63 submissions received by the Federal Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW).

A decision on the referral was made on 19 September 2025 with DCCEEW determining that the Borumba to Halys Transmission Connection is a controlled action, meaning it requires assessment and approval under the EPBC before it can proceed.

A copy of the decision notice is available on the [EPBC Portal](#).

We thank community members who provided their comments during the referral consultation period. Your input is an important part of this process.

What's next?

DCCEEW has determined the Borumba to Halys Transmission Connection will require assessment by public environment report (PER). A PER is a detailed assessment that looks at the project's potential impacts on protected matters and the measures proposed to manage them.

The next step is for DCCEEW to prepare and publish the PER guidelines, which will outline what information Powerlink needs to provide to DCCEEW for them to assess the project and its impacts.

Powerlink will then prepare a detailed report addressing the PER guidelines. This report must be published for public comment for at least 20 business days. It can take some time to collect the necessary information and prepare the report. We'll let you know when the report is available for public comment.

Further information on controlled action assessment methods under the EPBC is available on the [DCCEEW website](#).

This process relates to Federal environmental approvals. The project will also need to go through State planning approvals processes, and we'll keep you updated as both approval pathways progress.

For more information about the Borumba Transmission Connections project please visit our [project webpage](#).

Kind regards,
Borumba Transmission Connections Project Team