



22 September 2025

Dear stakeholder,

GAWARA BAYA WIND FARM CONNECTION PROJECT

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

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.

DCCEEW completed a 10-business day public consultation in August 2025. Following this consultation period and DCCEEW's review of Powerlink's referral (2025/10246), the project was deemed not a 'Controlled Action'.

More information, including a copy of the referral decision, is available on the department's website <https://epbcpublicportal.environment.gov.au/all-referrals/> - Search for '2025/10246' under 'EPBC number'

State environment and planning approvals

Powerlink is also proposing a minor amendment to the existing Ministerial Infrastructure Designation (MID) for the Guybal Munjan Substation to facilitate project delivery. A request for a minor amendment to the existing MID was endorsed by the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning (DSDIP) in mid-August 2025. 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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