



GLADSTONE PROJECT

Procurement and Local Participation

About the Gladstone Project

Powerlink plans to deliver the Gladstone Project to 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.

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

Stages of work

The Gladstone Project is planned to be delivered in stages. Stage 1 involves constructing the Calvale to Calliope River Transmission Line Reinforcement Project.

Stage 1 includes works at the existing Calvale Substation and expanding the existing Calliope River Substation.

Main construction works 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.

Stage 2 of the Gladstone Project involves constructing the Bouldercombe to Larcom Creek Transmission Line Reinforcement Project.

Stage 2 is in the early stages of planning and approvals, with construction expected to begin in 2027. As stages are confirmed, Powerlink will continue engaging with relevant stakeholders and seek their input.



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.

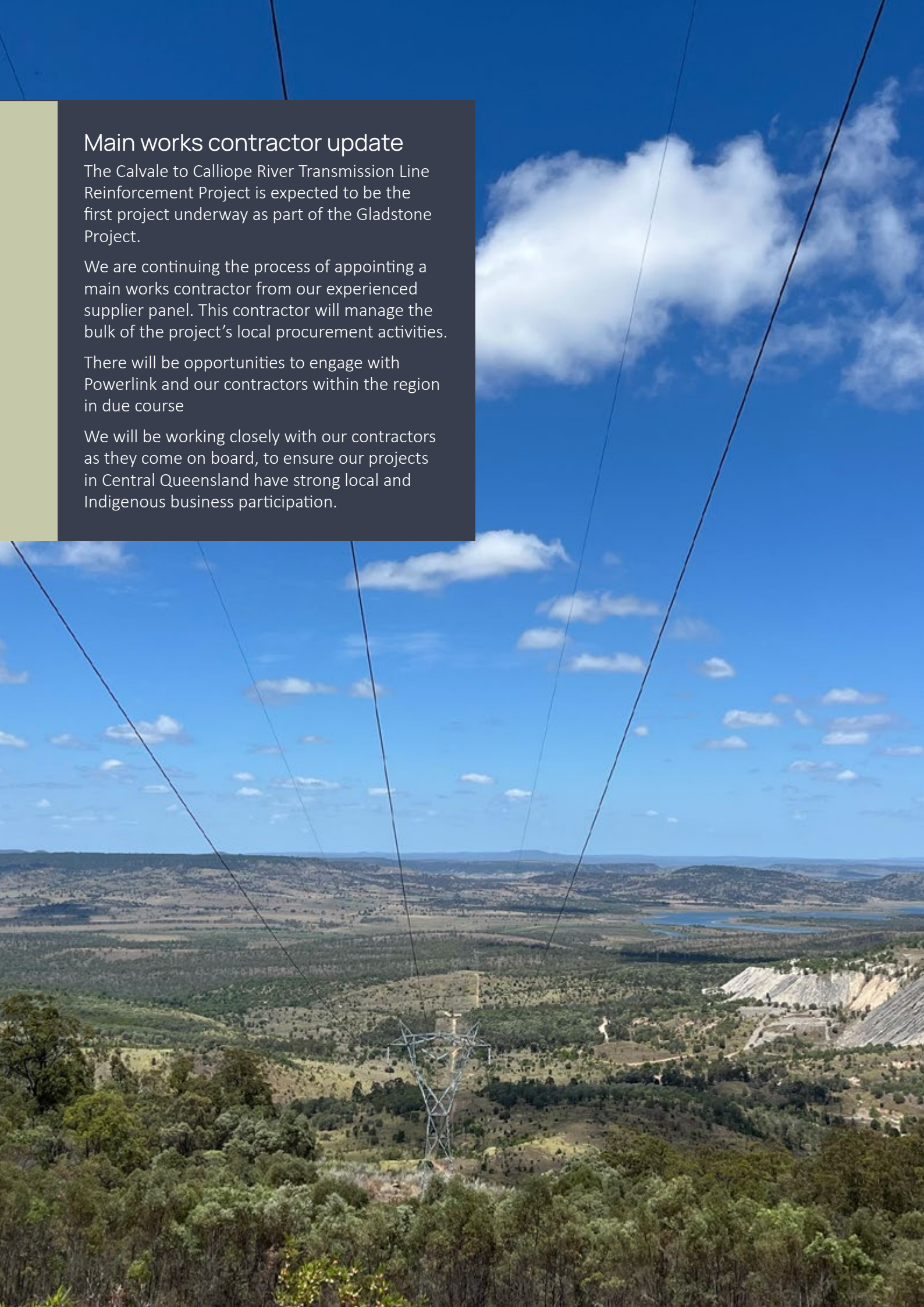
Main works contractor update

The Calvale to Calliope River Transmission Line Reinforcement Project is expected to be the first project underway as part of the Gladstone Project.

We are continuing 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.

There will be opportunities to engage with Powerlink and our contractors within the region in due course

We will be working closely with our contractors as they come on board, to ensure our projects in Central Queensland have strong local and Indigenous business participation.



Supplier Registrations of Interest

Between January and April 2025, Powerlink held an early Registration of Interest process for the Gladstone Project. After registrations closed, the information was used to inform a market analysis and develop key procurement planning documents.

Supplier details have also been included in our Central Queensland Supplier Register. Following a review of the data and market analysis, we have reopened 21 work packages for registrations.

The work packages can be accessed through the project's Industry Capability Network (ICN) Gateway page thegladstoneproject.icn.org.au.

Why have these work packages reopened?

Powerlink is planning a number of projects across Central Queensland.

These packages were reopened to give local and Indigenous businesses additional opportunities to participate not just on the Gladstone Project, but also across other projects. The re-opened packages are where our analysis found the most potential for ongoing local and Indigenous participation.

We are committed to providing opportunities for Australian, local and Indigenous industry participation and ensuring the economic benefits of Powerlink's whole program of works are realised.

Do suppliers who previously registered need to reapply?

Suppliers who completed an ICN Gateway registration for the Gladstone Project in early 2025 do not need to re-submit for the same package(s).

The information collected to-date has already been included in the market analysis and the Central Queensland Supplier Register.

Previously submitted registrations remain valid and part of the process. However, any supplier is welcome to review and update their submission to ensure all relevant information is included.

Do I need an ICN Gateway profile?

Yes, suppliers need an ICN Gateway account to register interest in Powerlink's work packages. Creating an account and business profile is free. There are options to upgrade to a paid ICN membership, however, all Powerlink information will be accessible on the free account. Once registered on the ICN Gateway, suppliers can submit a registration for any of Powerlink's open work packages.

When will packages close?

Packages will be open until 20 February 2026. Powerlink reserves the right to open and close packages in line with project requirements.

How will Registrations of Interest be used?

Once a business has completed the ICN Gateway registration and registered their interest, the application and its details will form part of Powerlink's Central Queensland Supplier Register.

This Register will be used to undertake market analysis to maximise local and Indigenous participation, and in particular, to inform the main works contractor undertaking procurement activities. 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

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 a Registration of Interest 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.

Registrations must be submitted through the ICN Gateway.

Assistance with registrations

A Supplier Completion Guide has been developed to provide general and introductory information for suppliers who are interested in submitting a Registration of Interest via the ICN Gateway for consideration of opportunities on the Gladstone Project.

This guide is available at the project ICN Gateway webpage: thegladstoneproject.icn.org.au.

Questions about using the ICN Gateway platform can be directed to our ICN primary contact, whose details are available on the ICN project webpage.

Stay informed about Powerlink tenders

Powerlink is using the ICN Gateway to engage the market to identify suppliers for work packages at thegladstoneproject.icn.org.au.

However, the Queensland Government Vendor Panel is used, where appropriate, to progress specific work packages through the Powerlink procurement process.

Interested suppliers may also wish to register on the Vendor Panel platform to keep informed about Powerlink opportunities: vendorpanel.com.au.

Contact us

For supplier enquiries, please contact gladstonesuppliers@powerlink.com.au.

For enquiries about Powerlink and our projects in Central Queensland, please contact cqprojects@powerlink.com.au or phone 1800 635 369 (Monday to Friday, 7.30am – 5pm).

For further information about the Gladstone Project and to subscribe to email updates, visit Powerlink project webpage powerlink.com.au/gladstoneproject.

