

Central Queensland Transmission Update

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About Powerlink

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

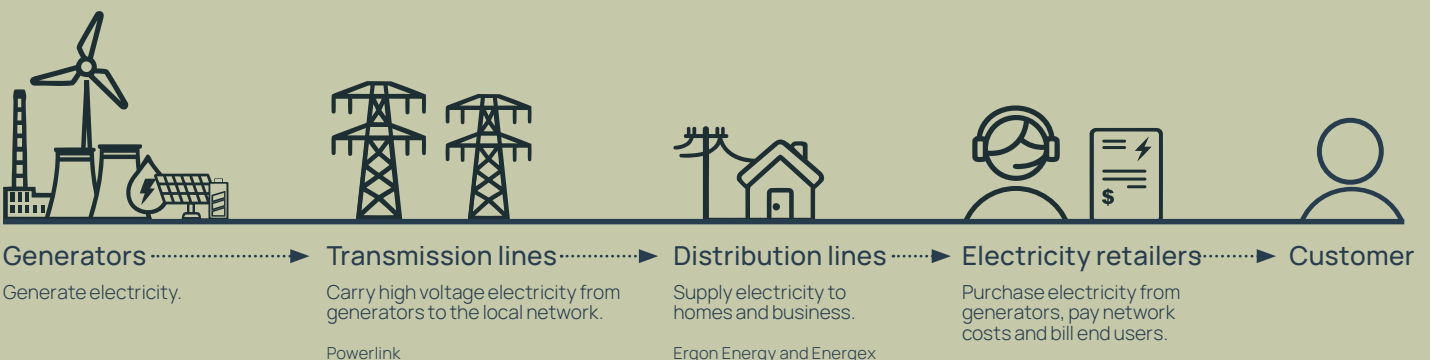
We connect Queenslanders to a world-class energy future, providing electricity to more than five million Queenslanders and 241,000 businesses. We are also responsible for connecting large-scale renewable energy developments, including wind and solar, and providing electricity to large industrial customers in the rail, mining and LNG sectors.

Latest news

Since our last update in late 2024, we have:

- announced the recipients of our 2024 community grants
- launched an Expression of Interest process for local suppliers interested in providing goods and services to the proposed Gladstone Project (Stage 1)
- continued corridor selection planning for the Theodore Wind Farm Connection Project.

Electricity supply chain



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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Our current projects

Powerlink is in various stages of corridor selection processes for three key projects in Central Queensland. A key focus for Powerlink is reinforcing the Gladstone transmission network, and planning for this larger program of work is also underway.

For more information on how Powerlink engages with landholders, Traditional Owner groups, the wider community and other stakeholders during a corridor and easement selection process, please refer to our Transmission Easement Engagement Process: powerlink.com.au/teep.

Project	Overview	Website/QR code
Banana Range Wind Farm Connection Project	<p>EDF Renewables has engaged Powerlink to consider options to connect their proposed wind farm to the transmission network.</p> <p>Since the release of the final transmission corridor in April 2023, Powerlink has been meeting with landholders to identify individual site constraints and determine a final easement alignment.</p> <p>Final field surveys and initial construction feasibility assessments are underway. The findings of these studies will be summarised in an Environmental Assessment Report (EAR) which is scheduled to be released for public comment in 2025.</p>	powerlink.com.au/bananarange
Theodore Wind Farm Connection Project	<p>RWE Renewables Australia (RWE) has engaged Powerlink to connect their proposed Theodore Wind Farm project, located approximately 20km east of Theodore in Central Queensland, to the electricity grid.</p> <p>The connection project will include building a new double circuit 275kV transmission line north of the proposed wind farm site, connecting to a proposed future substation at Mt Benn near Banana (which forms part of the Banana Range Wind Farm Connection Project). A Final Corridor Selection Report was released in February 2025.</p>	powerlink.com.au/theodore
Calvale to Calliope River Transmission Line Reinforcement Project	<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 approximately 87km long and mostly co-located beside existing 275kV transmission lines in spare existing easements.</p> <p>A final transmission corridor was released in August 2024 and formal planning and environmental approval processes have now commenced with federal and state governments. Construction is expected to start by mid-2026.</p> <p>If approved and funded, this project will become Stage 1 of the Gladstone Project. This is a critical program of transmission upgrades that will strengthen and increase capacity of the transmission network in the region.</p>	powerlink.com.au/calvale-calliope

Supplier Expression of Interest (EOI) opportunity

Powerlink is seeking to understand the capability and capacity of the supply chain interested in providing goods or services to the Gladstone Project.

This EOI process will inform our approach to procurement and project delivery. While Powerlink will be procuring specialist technical items, most procurement will occur through the main works contractor/s. The procurement process for that contractor is underway, and once appointed, suppliers who register their EOI interest will be notified.

EOIs opened in January 2025 and will run until 30 April 2025. To register your EOI and get your details onto a supplier register, visit the ICN Gateway Network: <https://thegladstoneproject.icn.org.au>.

Gladstone, apprenticeship possibilities start with you!

Expressions of interest are now open for the Powerlink Apprentice Program, commencing in 2026. This is a fantastic opportunity for 2025 Year 12 graduates and mature-aged individuals to join a dynamic team dedicated to building and maintaining Queensland's high voltage transmission network.

We strongly encourage women, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and mature-aged people to apply.

Discover more and register your interest today through the link below. The official recruitment campaign will launch from April 2025.

powerlink.com.au/apprenticeships



Investing in Central Queensland communities

Powerlink Community Grants

Thank you to all community groups who applied for a Powerlink Community Grant in the latest round, delivering projects from January 2025. We have been pleased to support a total of 14 groups across the Gladstone and Banana Local Government Areas. Examples of activities that have been funded include:

- rodeo arena lights for the Callide Valley Agricultural and Pastoral Society Inc
- interactive touch boards for Mount Murchison State School
- garden edging for a community garden project for the Banana Shire Community Arts Association
- an exercise program for aged care and National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) participants at the Gladstone Community Linking Agency.

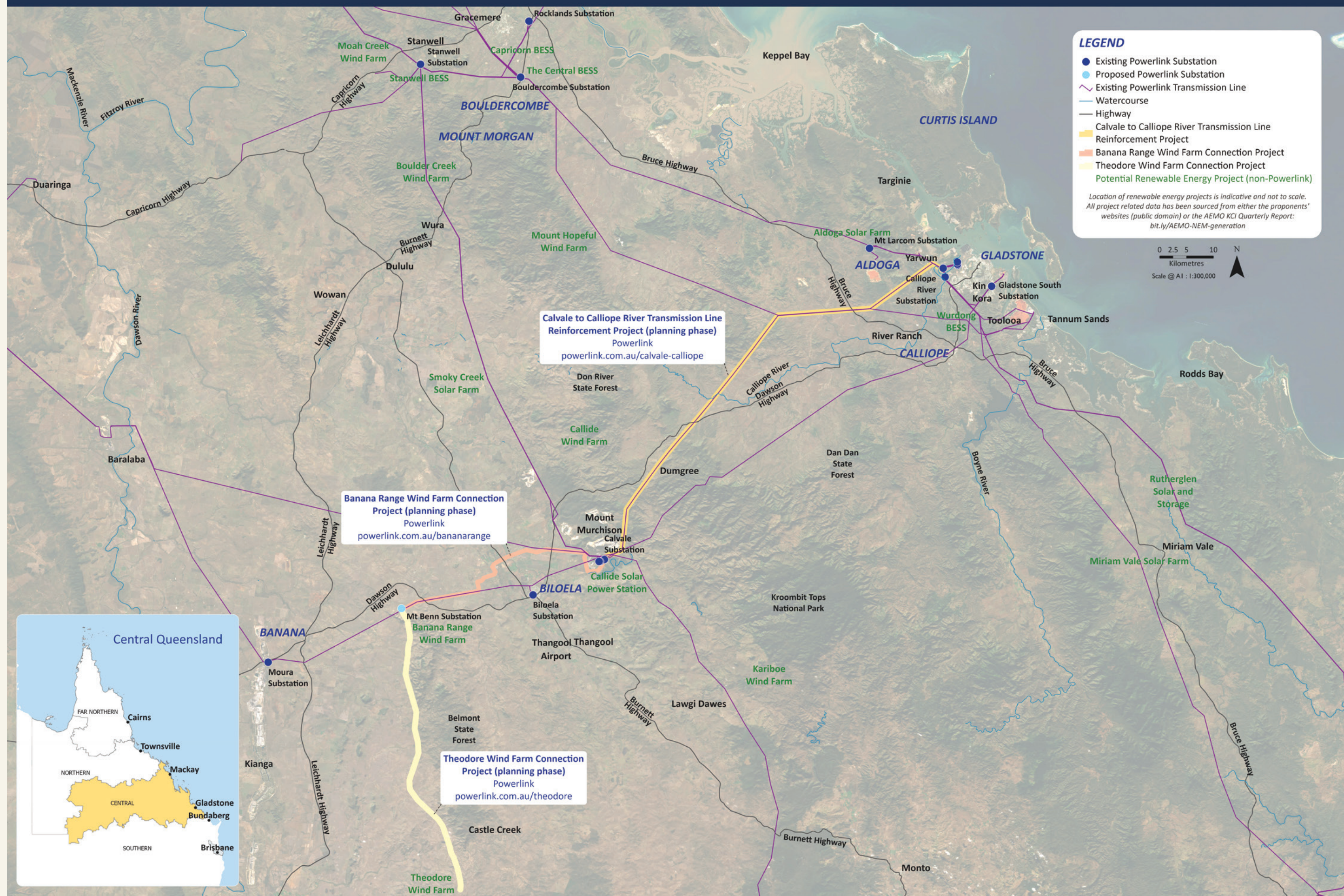
The next round of these grants is expected to open from July and close late August 2025. We invite community groups, community clubs and not-for-profit organisations in eligible local government areas (LGAs) to apply for the support available once grant rounds open. Successful applicants will need to deliver their projects or activities between January and December 2026.

Visit our website at powerlink.com.au/community-grants to find out more about the program and 2024 recipients. Further information on the next grants round will be communicated from June 2025.

Pest and Weeds Symposium field day

Powerlink is sponsoring a field day associated with the Pest & Weeds Symposium being held in Gladstone between 19-22 May 2025. Powerlink will be actively participating in the symposium to support this year's theme: Strategies for Pest Success.

Visit the Invasive Species Queensland's event site to find out more information: PAWS2025.com.au or you can reach Caitlin at (07) 3876 4988 for assistance.



New agreements to manage environmental impacts

Powerlink and Natural Resource Management Regions Queensland (NRM Regions Queensland) have signed a landmark agreement to work together to deliver nature positive outcomes as part of Queensland's energy transformation.

Our teams will work collaboratively across the state on key aspects, including the management of environmental offsets, to ensure social and environmental benefits for communities, landscapes and future generations.

In Central Queensland we are proud to work with the Fitzroy Basin Association, a leading natural resource management organisation who deliver excellent environmental and agricultural outcomes for their stakeholders and communities.



Further information

For further information on our activities in Central Queensland please:

Email: 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.

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