

Virginia Site Uplift Project

POWERLINK QUEENSLAND

About Powerlink

Powerlink is a leading Australian provider of electricity transmission services, focused on delivering a safe, cost-effective and reliable network for our customers. Our network extends 1,700 kilometres (km) from Cairns to the New South Wales border and comprises 15,559 circuit km of transmission lines and 154 substations.

Our purpose is to connect Queenslanders to a world-class energy future, providing electricity to more than five million Queenslanders and 241,000 businesses. As well as connecting large generators to end-use customers through the distribution networks owned locally by Energex, we also provide electricity directly to large industrial customers such as rail companies, mines and mineral processing facilities.

About the Virginia Site Uplift Project

Powerlink is planning to upgrade a section of its headquarters at Harold Street, Virginia. This critical infrastructure is necessary to best support the future needs of our state's changing and increasingly complex electricity network.

The project is proposed to be delivered in two stages. The first stage includes a new fit-for-purpose administration building, a food service area and additional car parking. The new administration building is expected to be three storeys in height plus plant (such as air conditioning vents and lift motor equipment) which is essential to ensure the building can safely operate. The new development will also feature landscaping and recreational spaces.

The second stage involves the partial replacement of warehouse and operational services facilities. This includes an additional new building that is expected to be two storeys in height.

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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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Project planning report open for public comment

Powerlink is applying for planning approval for this project under the Ministerial Infrastructure Designation (MID) process. We have prepared a MID Proposal Report, which looks at the possible environmental, social and economic impacts of the project, as well as ways to manage these impacts.

In October 2025, Powerlink lodged the project's MID Proposal Report with the Queensland Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning. The Department has now officially started the report's formal consultation period. Powerlink has also now commenced public consultation to support this important process. We invite local residents, Traditional Owner groups, the community and other stakeholders to view the project's MID Proposal Report, ask questions and provide feedback. Details on how to view the MID Proposal Report and share your input are provided in the newsletter. Consultation on the project's MID Proposal Report ends at 5pm on 19 December 2025.

The map below indicates the proposed high-level locations of the uplift work within the current Powerlink site footprint. Please note, we are currently upgrading our laboratory services building. While this is included in the map, it has been approved under a separate planning approval process.



How the new development is shaping up

Two new buildings are proposed:

Stage one - administration building (expected to be three storeys in height, plus plant)

Stage two - operational building (expected to be two storeys in height)

The likely floor area of the administration building will be around 9,300m².







The likely floor area of the Field Delivery and Operational Engineering Building (FDOEB) will be approx 4200m².

The proposal also includes areas for:

-  vehicle parking
-  food service
-  landscaping
-  recreation
-  spaces that support diversity and inclusion for our staff

Have your say – we welcome your input. Please refer to details in this newsletter on how you can share your feedback with us.

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|  EXISTING BUILDINGS (1-3 STOREYS- NO CHANGE AS PART OF THIS PROPOSAL) |  FUTURE CAR PARKING (SUBJECT TO MINISTERIAL INFRASTRUCTURE DESIGNATION (MID) APPROVAL) |
|  LANDSCAPING (EXISTING AND PROPOSED) |  PROPOSED BUILDINGS (3 STOREY PLUS PLANT LEVEL, AND 2 STOREY- SUBJECT TO MID APPROVAL) |
|  CAR PARKING AND INTERNAL ROADS (EXISTING) |  LABORATORY SERVICES BUILDING (APPROVED UNDER DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION A006414057) |

Have your say

The Planning Minister is responsible for approving a MID. There are a number of opportunities where you can provide your input throughout the MID approval process, and we value your feedback and insights to help inform our project planning.

The first opportunity for feedback, referred to in the diagram below as 'Pre-Lodgement Consultation', occurred in February 2025. During this phase, Powerlink engaged with local residents, Traditional Owner groups, the community and other stakeholders to ensure anyone with an interest in the project had an opportunity to provide initial feedback before the MID Proposal was lodged.

Powerlink has now submitted the MID Proposal Report to the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning, which included preparation of an Environmental Assessment Report (EAR). The report has been released for formal public comment. This is your second opportunity to provide comments on this project in a more formal capacity.

The EAR comprehensively examines a range of social (including traffic, noise, landscaping, visual amenity), environmental and economic impacts from the development, and how those impacts can be mitigated or managed. The EAR also includes a range of technical assessment reports exploring topics such as traffic impacts, acoustic considerations, and architectural and landscape concept plans. Specialist consultants have been engaged to prepare the relevant reports that provide information on these focus areas.

The MID steps are:



How to view the MID Proposal Report

The MID Proposal (MID-1025-0973) for this project can be viewed on:

- the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning website:
planning.qld.gov.au/ministerial-infrastructure-designations
- Our project webpage: powerlink.com.au/virginia-site

How to make a formal submission

You can make a submission, on or before 5pm on 19 December 2025, about the MID Proposal Report to the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning via:

- Online: planning.qld.gov.au/ministerial-infrastructure-designations
- Email: infrastructuredesignation@dsdilgp.qld.gov.au
- Post: PO Box 15009, City East QLD 4002

How is feedback considered?

All formal submissions on the MID Proposal Report will be reviewed by the Department and sent to Powerlink for response.

Informal feedback provided directly to Powerlink will be reviewed and considered by our project team.

After the consultation period is complete, we will share high-level details on feedback received and how this has shaped project planning.

Contact us and share your feedback

If you would like to discuss this project further, or share any feedback you may have, please contact our project team on the details below:

- Visit our website at powerlink.com.au/virginia-site or scan the QR Code
- Email sqprojects@powerlink.com.au
- Call our Virginia Site Uplift Project Team on **07 3898 4455**



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