

Hughenden Workforce Accommodation Facility (WAF) FAQs

Why was Hughenden chosen as a WAF site?

The Hughenden WAF site is a parcel of land owned by the Queensland Government and held in trust by Flinders Shire Council. Located south of Hughenden, the site allows access from the Flinders Highway and safe travel distances for the CopperString workforce.

The Hughenden WAF site is one of several workforce accommodation and facilities proposed to be built along the project corridor. It will allow for work on nearby Flinders Substation and the transmission line, along with other project activities.

When was the Hughenden WAF constructed?

The CopperString project team officially broke ground on the Hughenden WAF in July 2024, with construction and commissioning completed in November 2025.

How many people will be housed at the Hughenden WAF?

Once operational, the Hughenden WAF will start by housing around 50 people to meet initial workforce needs. This will scale up over time to accommodate major construction of the Flinders Substation, which is expected to ramp up in 2026.

At capacity, Hughenden WAF is expected to accommodate between 400 and 450 people (with a periodic peak of 550) and will include both the Flinders Substation workforce and the transmission line workforce.

How will the WAF be serviced?

Sirrom Corporation Pty Ltd have been appointed to manage the initial launch of Hughenden WAF including the delivery of a safe, secure and healthy environment for all personnel using the accommodation, and to manage the administration, medical and recreational facilities.

What are the hours of operation of the WAF?

Hours of construction are expected to be 6:30am to 6:30pm, Monday to Sunday. However, there will be movement at the WAF around these hours as personnel rest, relax and travel to and from work sites.

Some work may need to be undertaken outside of these hours according to safety and other permitting requirements. This may include works that will affect traffic or if there are oversized deliveries which need to be managed.

How will personnel travel to the WAF and then on to project work sites?

A variety of different routes and vehicles such as four-wheel drives, cars and buses will be used to travel to and from the Hughenden WAF site. Mobile facilities such as washrooms and lunchrooms will also be used along the project alignment when the workforce is away from Hughenden WAF.

What is located at the WAF?

Rooms with ensuites, offices, kitchen and dining facilities, gym, first aid, materials laydown and storage, maintenance areas, as well as offices for professional staff and vehicle parking.

What will happen if there are issues with personnel in town – i.e. bad behaviour?

The project is committed to ensuring we are good neighbours to the community of Hughenden and the region. All personnel will be held to a strict code of conduct, and all reported breaches will be investigated.

What will happen to the WAF after the project is constructed?

The project team are working with local stakeholders to determine the potential future options and uses of the facility.

We are committed to enhancing the lives and livelihoods of the stakeholders and communities in which we are working. We will do this through our local and Indigenous participation plan for employment and procurement and striving to look local and buy local wherever possible.

What are the shifts? Is the changeover on the same day from the same place?

There will be various shifts. During peak construction, it is expected there will be multiple rosters, with multiple crews working every day.

Will construction be affected by the wet season?

We understand it's not uncommon for the Flinders Highway to be cut off in the wet season. Allowances have been made with respect to mobilisation of personnel, as well as the delivery of goods and services to the Hughenden WAF.

Will jobs and supply opportunities be given to the Hughenden community?

Powerlink will continue to work closely with the local community and local and Indigenous suppliers to identify opportunities to work on the project.

If you have questions about supplying goods or services to the Hughenden WAF, please reach out to Sirrom Corporation directly via procurement@sirromcorp.com.

To stay informed about broader procurement opportunities on the project, we encourage you to:

- **register your business** through our [online form](#) to be added to the CopperString supplier register. Registered suppliers also receive project updates via the CopperString newsletter
- **contact the project's Local Economic and Indigenous Participation team** via copperstring@powerlink.com.au or 07 4796 5429
- **register and create a business profile** on [Industry Capability Network \(ICN\) Gateway](#)
- **keep your capability statement current**, as this helps us understand your business offering.