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Bayview Heights to White Rock Underground Cable Project



Dear resident,

We are writing to provide you with an update on the works delivered along Powerlink's existing 275kV underground transmission cables that run between the Bayview Heights and White Rock transition stations in Cairns.



THANK YOU TO RESIDENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS

We thank the residents who attended our engagement pop-up session on Saturday 25 October 2025 and enjoyed a free coffee.

Our project team enjoyed meeting with residents and valued the opportunity to hear their feedback about the delivery of project works, new amenities and easement restoration planting works.

We also appreciate the time and feedback from residents who completed the project's recent Resident Survey. This feedback will be used to help inform future projects delivered by Powerlink in the Cairns region.

We recognise the project's proximity to homes in the Forest Gardens Estate and Crowley Creek walking path and thank residents and community for their patience and cooperation during delivery of these essential works.



EASEMENT RESTORATION PLANTING WORKS

All restoration planting works along the easement have now been completed.

Herbicide has been applied to manage weeds and monthly weed maintenance will be undertaken by local contractors, Cairns Conservation Services, until January 2027.

The restoration works have involved replanting along the easement with compatible species that will not impact on the underground cables or the easement in their mature state. Around 24,000 grasses and plants have been planted as part of the project.



AMENITIES UPDATE

The works to install the new amenities along the easement are also finished.

These works were delivered by local contractors, Freedom Constructions, and include four water bubblers, nine park bench seats and one shade shelter near Blueberry Close.

We have received some feedback from residents suggesting rubbish bins with the new amenities. This feedback has been provided to Cairns Regional Council for their consideration.

Along with the easement restoration planting, the new amenities have been installed to enhance the Crowley Creek walking path for all users and to address shade loss and community feedback, where possible.



EASEMENT MAINTENANCE

Initial maintenance and deadwood removal

Powerlink is responsible for the initial maintenance of the new plantings and amenities along the easement for a 12 month period. This maintenance period also includes targeted vegetation management activities.

To manage potential safety risks, local contractors from ETS Infrastructure Management will undertake works to remove dead trees along the easement between Blueberry Close and Amazon Close. This work is scheduled to start from **Tuesday 3 March 2026**, weather dependent.

Equipment may include wood-chippers, tipper trucks, chainsaws and a specialist harvesting machine. Some stump grinding activities may also be required. We appreciate the cooperation of residents and the local community as these works are undertaken and our work crews will minimise impacts, wherever possible.

Future maintenance

From **February 2027**, Cairns Regional Council will manage the maintenance of the plantings and amenities along the easement.

Powerlink will continue to undertake regular inspections of the underground cables to monitor their condition and identify any potential impacts from surrounding vegetation that may impact the reliability of power supply.

The underground transmission cables that run between the Bayview Heights and White Rock transition stations in Cairns are critical to maintaining reliable and secure power for residents and businesses in Cairns and Far North Queensland.



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