

Introduction

Powerlink 2027-32 Revenue Proposal

January 2026

1 Introduction

This Revenue Proposal presents Queensland Electricity Transmission Corporation Limited's (Powerlink's) proposed revenue requirements for prescribed (regulated) transmission services for the five-year regulatory period from 1 July 2027 to 30 June 2032.

We have developed our Revenue Proposal consistent with Chapter 6A of the National Electricity Rules (Rules), the Australian Energy Regulator's (AER's) Framework and Approach Paper¹ and the Regulatory Information Notice (RIN) issued to Powerlink by the AER for the purpose of this Revenue Proposal (the Reset RIN)².

Our Revenue Proposal provides an overview of our operating environment, customer engagement process, expenditure forecasts and proposed revenue requirements for the 2027-32 regulatory period. Our Revenue Proposal reflects the outcomes of extensive engagement with our customers and other stakeholders, including our Customer Panel and a sub-group of that panel, the Revenue Proposal Reference Group (RPRG). We acknowledge their time and resource commitment as part of this process, which has provided us with valuable insights and feedback on key aspects of our Revenue Proposal.

Our Revenue Proposal comprises:

- an overview paper presenting a 'plain language' summary of our Revenue Proposal
- the Revenue Proposal (this document)
- appendices and supporting information for the Revenue Proposal
- models, templates and supporting information required by the Rules and the Reset RIN, and
- our Proposed Pricing Methodology.

1.1 About Powerlink

We are a Government Owned Corporation that owns, develops, operates and maintains the electricity transmission network in Queensland. Our transmission network runs approximately 1,700km from Cairns to the New South Wales (NSW) border.

Our role in the electricity supply chain is to transport high voltage electricity from large generators through the transmission network to the distribution networks owned by Energex and Ergon Energy (part of the Energy Queensland Group) and Essential Energy (in northern NSW) and to ensure a safe, reliable and cost-effective power supply to more than five million Queenslanders. We also transport electricity to industrial customers such as rail companies, mines and mineral processing facilities, and to NSW via the Queensland/NSW Interconnector (QNI) transmission line.

We are registered with the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) as a Transmission Network Service Provider (TNSP) and are the System Strength Service Provider and Inertia Service Provider for Queensland. We hold a Transmission Authority issued under the *Electricity Act 1994 (Qld)* and have been appointed by the Queensland Government as the entity responsible for transmission network planning in Queensland (the Jurisdictional Planning Body) for the purpose of the Rules³.

¹ Framework and Approach Paper Powerlink transmission determination 2027-32, Australian Energy Regulator, July 2025.

² 2027-32 Reset RIN for Powerlink, Australian Energy Regulator, 9 October 2025 (as varied 28 November 2025).

³ Specific duties of the jurisdictional planning body are detailed in Chapter 3 Market Rules and Chapter 5 Network Connection Access, Planning and Expansion of the National Electricity Rules.

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1.2 Our services

We provide prescribed transmission services consistent with the Rules, the *Electricity Act 1994 (Qld)*, the *Energy (Infrastructure Facilitation) Act 2024* and our Transmission Authority. These services include:

- shared transmission services provided to directly connected customers and distribution networks (prescribed Transmission Use of System services)
- connection services for the Distribution Network Service Providers (DNSPs) who are connected to our transmission network (prescribed exit services)
- grandfathered connection services provided to generators and customers directly connected to the transmission network that were in place on 9 February 2006 (prescribed entry and exit services), and
- services required under the Rules or to comply with jurisdictional electricity legislation that are necessary to ensure the integrity of the transmission network, including through the maintenance of power system security and quality (prescribed common transmission services).

The quality, reliability and security of supply of the prescribed transmission services we provide are established in the Rules, our Transmission Authority (and other jurisdictional legislation and instruments), and customer connection and access agreements.

1.3 Structure of our Revenue Proposal

We have provided an overview of the remaining chapters of this Revenue Proposal in Table 1.1. In line with the RPRG's preference, we have combined historical and forecast expenditure within a single chapter each for capital and operating expenditure.

Table 1.1 – Structure of our Revenue Proposal

Chapter	Description
2	Our operating environment and the opportunities and challenges this presents in the 2027-32 regulatory period
3	How we undertook customer engagement and how this has influenced our Revenue Proposal
4	Overview of historical and forecast capital expenditure for the 2027-32 regulatory period
5	Overview of historical and forecast operating expenditure for the 2027-32 regulatory period
6	The cost escalation rates used in our forecasts
7	Calculation of our Regulatory Asset Base (RAB), including our proposed additions and removals
8	Forecasts of rate of return, taxation and inflation included in our forecasts
9	Our regulatory depreciation forecast
10	Forecast of the Maximum Allowed Revenue and price impact for the 2027-32 regulatory period
11	Our proposed pass through events
12	Assessment of shared assets unregulated revenues
13	Overview of incentive schemes including outcomes from this regulatory period and targets and inclusions for the 2027-32 regulatory period
14	Our proposed pricing methodology

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1.4 Conventions

Our Revenue Proposal applies the following numbering conventions, unless otherwise specified.

- Regulatory periods are expressed consistent with the AER's convention, e.g. 2027-32 refers to the regulatory period 1 July 2027 to 30 June 2032.
- Where our Revenue Proposal for the current 2022-27 regulatory period is referenced, it uses the published name of our 2023-27 Revenue Proposal.
- Years referenced in tables and figures relate to financial years (July – June) unless otherwise stated.
- Negative values in tables are presented in brackets.
- All capital expenditure values in tables are net of disposals, unless otherwise stated.
- Actual and forecast capital expenditure values reported do not include any margins paid or expected to be paid to related parties.
- Actual and forecast capital expenditure is presented in end-year (to 30 June) real 2026/27 dollars.
- Actual and forecast operating expenditure is presented in end-year (to 30 June) real 2026/27 dollars.
- Our revenue building blocks from the Post-tax Revenue Model (PTRM) are presented in end-year nominal dollars.

Totals presented in tables may not add up due to rounding.

The source of all figures and tables is Powerlink, unless otherwise specified.

1.5 Confidential information

We do not claim confidentiality over any part of this Revenue Proposal document. However, some components of the Revenue Proposal, including supporting documents, are confidential and we have clearly noted these in the Confidentiality Register provided with our Revenue Proposal.

Where confidential information has been identified in separate appendices and supporting information, a confidential version has been provided to the AER and registered consistent with the AER's Confidentiality Guideline⁴.

1.6 Governance and compliance

Our Board has certified that the key assumptions that underlie the capital and operating expenditure forecasts in this Revenue Proposal are reasonable⁵ (refer Appendix 1.01), with these key assumptions included in Attachment 1 of this Revenue Proposal.

We also provide a Statutory Declaration from our Chief Executive in relation to the historical and forecast data contained in our Reset RIN (refer Appendix 1.02).

To assist the AER in assessing our Revenue Proposal's compliance with the Rules, we have provided a compliance checklist in Appendix 1.03. Our compliance checklist to the Reset RIN is provided in Appendix 1.04.

We have provided a document register, consistent with the requirements of Section 4.2.1 of the Reset RIN, in Appendix 1.05.

⁴ Better Regulation: Confidentiality Guideline, Australian Energy Regulator, August 2017.

⁵ National Electricity Rules, clauses S6A.1.1(5) and S6A.1.2(6).