

27.4 Public consultation and further engagement

The project's MID public consultation process is initiated by DSDIP by contacting impacted landholders and local government to invite submissions.

During this time, Powerlink will also undertake public consultation with landholders, Traditional Owner groups, the wider community and other stakeholders to share project information and details on how to make a submission about the MID Proposal Report to DSDIP.

Powerlink has prepared a consultation strategy to detail the public consultation process for the MID Proposal Report. Engagement activities include:

- Advertisements in a local newspaper (Queensland Country Life) advising release of the MID Proposal Report and how to make a submission to DSDIP.
- Providing hard copies of the MID Proposal Report for viewing at local venues, such as a local library and Council office.
- Updates to the project webpage, with an electronic copy of the MID Proposal Report available for downloading.
- A project newsletter focused on release of the MID Proposal Report.
- Correspondence to directly affected and adjacent landholders, Traditional Owner groups, the wider community and other key stakeholders advising of the release of the MID Proposal Report, how it can be viewed and how to make a submission.
- Project signage on the proposed site.
- Stakeholder briefings on the project as required.
- Community information drop-in sessions in Banana and Theodore with hard copies of the MID Proposal Report available.

Landholders, Traditional Owner groups, the wider community and other stakeholders can lodge formal submissions to DSDIP through the following avenues:

- online at www.planning.qld.gov.au/planning-framework/infrastructure-planning/ministerialinfrastructure-designations
- via email infrastructuredesignation@dsdilgp.gov.au
- by post to PO Box 15009, City East, QLD 4002.

All public submissions received on the MID Proposal Report will be accessed by DSDIP. Copies of submissions will be provided to Powerlink who will need to appropriately consider and address matters raised in submissions.

Powerlink is committed to updating landholders, Traditional Owner groups, the wider community and other stakeholders on the public consultation outcomes and throughout the MID process.

Additionally in November 2025, Powerlink conducted a second round of consultation to inform development of a Social Impact Assessment (SIA) and Social Impact Management Plan (SIMP) for projects in Central Queensland. This included focus groups, meetings and targeted engagement with landholders and Traditional Owner groups. This work is being progressed to ensure social impact management strategies are identified and implemented in recognition of Powerlink's upcoming project activities in this region.