

Calvale to Calliope River Transmission Line Reinforcement Project

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Powerlink is planning for a new transmission line between the Calvale Substation (near Callide Power Station) and the Calliope River Substation (near Gladstone). The project will strengthen and increase capacity of the transmission network in the region.

Project update

The project is nearing the end of its planning phase. State and federal government approval decisions are expected by mid-2026. Subject to approval, early construction works are expected to commence shortly after.

We are close to finalising the appointment of principal contractors for the initial clearing and access works and the main construction works. 'Clearing and access' refers to the activities required to enable construction of the transmission line. This involves targeted earthworks and vegetation clearing to prepare the easement for construction. Expressions of interest for this work were sought via a Vendor Panel in August 2025. For the main construction works, contractors were short-listed from Powerlink's experienced supplier panel. The main works contractor will be responsible for procuring most goods and services needed to build the new transmission line and substation upgrades.

We will announce our successful contractors once the process is complete. Powerlink and our contractors are jointly committed to strong outcomes for local and Indigenous suppliers to support our construction activities wherever possible.

Meet our contractors

Powerlink will have a stall at the Gladstone Engineering Alliance Supply Chain Expo on 6 May 2026 at the Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre.

Contractors from our Infrastructure Development Panel (IDP) will join us on the day.

Local suppliers are encouraged to attend to meet the Powerlink team and our IDP contractors, noting our strong program of planned work in the area in addition to the Calvale to Calliope River Transmission Line Reinforcement Project.

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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Government approvals update

We recently held two rounds of community consultation. Powerlink's response to feedback will be included in our updated reports that will be published online.

Report and engagement period	Approval type	Feedback summary
Ministerial Infrastructure Designation (MID) Proposal Report 24 November – 22 December 2025	State government planning approval under the <i>Planning Act 2016</i> .	Seven submissions were received, with themes around land access, environmental considerations, infrastructure siting, amenity impacts and the importance of timely project delivery.
Draft Public Environment Report (PER) 12 February – 11 March 2026	Federal government environmental approval under the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act 1999</i> .	One submission was received seeking further information about environmental offsets.

Did you know?

Under the EPBC Act, environmental offsets are measures taken to compensate for remaining adverse impacts from a project or activity. Powerlink has carried out detailed studies to carefully plan this project and reduce environmental impacts wherever possible. Sometimes, impacts can't be avoided altogether, and this is where environmental offsets are used.

For this project, Powerlink is proposing to meet offset requirements through land-based conservation activities. This involves protecting and managing suitable properties in the same regions as the affected plants and animals, to support wildlife and improve habitat over time.

View the Final Public Environment Report

Following consultation, the PER was updated and has now been submitted to the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) for assessment. DCCEEW will consider public submissions from the Draft PER as part of their assessment process, before deciding whether to approve the project, and under what conditions. You can view the Final PER on Powerlink's online Community Hub, at the Gladstone City Library or the State Library of Queensland.

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Follow our Community Hubs for all the latest Central Queensland news, events and project updates, including how we are maximising efficiency of our transmission network with high-capacity conductors at engage.powerlink.com.au.

Contact us

If you have any questions about the project, scan the QR code to visit our project webpage, or contact our project team on 1800 635 369 (Monday to Friday, 7.30am – 5pm) or email cqprojects@powerlink.com.au.

