



## CENTRAL QUEENSLAND

# Procurement and Local Participation

This fact sheet provides an overview of Powerlink's Central Queensland portfolio of work, outlines how suppliers can register their interest, and explains Powerlink's approach to local and Indigenous participation.

## Central Queensland major projects

As part of the Queensland Government's Energy Roadmap, Powerlink is delivering a portfolio of electricity transmission projects across Central Queensland to ensure the security of energy supply and the stability of the grid. This is a critical step in reinforcing our transmission network as the power generation mix evolves, maintaining system strength and reliability, and enabling new generation to connect to the network.

These projects are at varying stages of planning, assessment and delivery and will be implemented progressively, subject to regulatory approvals and investment and funding decisions.

Powerlink is committed to delivering a safe, reliable and cost-effective network across Central Queensland.

Through a coordinated, program-level approach, we aim to maximise opportunities for local and Indigenous businesses across employment, subcontracting and supply activities.

## Register for opportunities

Gateway by ICN is Powerlink's primary platform for registering supplier capability and capacity across major projects in Central Queensland.

Registering on Gateway by ICN adds your business to Powerlink's Central Queensland Supplier Register. This helps make your capability visible to Powerlink and is shared with our principal contractors. While Powerlink may procure some specialist items directly, most construction phase procurement is managed by principal contractors.

As work packages become available, relevant suppliers may be contacted for further information or invited to receive a tender scope and submit a quote. To view available work packages and register your business, visit <https://gateway.icn.org.au/projects/13600>.



*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.*

## Our projects

There are currently four major Powerlink projects progressing across Central Queensland. This includes two transmission reinforcement projects (Gladstone Project Stages 1 and 2), which will strengthen the transmission network to support system reliability and future energy needs.

There are also two generator connection projects, the Banana Range Wind Farm Connection and the Theodore Wind Farm Connection Projects. Together, they form approximately 100km of transmission line, extending from near Theodore into Powerlink's Calvale Substation.

Over the coming years, Powerlink will also deliver system strength projects in Central Queensland and contract with existing sources of system strength in the Queensland market. This includes installing four synchronous condensers at existing Powerlink substations across the region. Find out more about our activities at [engage.powerlink.com.au](https://engage.powerlink.com.au).

## Local industry participation

Local industry participation is central to Powerlink's commitment to delivering economic benefits through major projects. This includes creating opportunities for Australian, local and Indigenous businesses and supporting positive economic and social outcomes.

A tiered participation approach has been developed for Central Queensland projects. This approach prioritises local and Indigenous businesses, including those based within 125km of a project corridor or representing Traditional Owner groups impacted or intersected by the project footprint.

Powerlink works closely with our principal contractors to ensure opportunities for participation are identified and defined across the Central Queensland program of work.

## How we consider local benefits

As a Queensland Government Owned Corporation, Powerlink undertakes our procurement activities in line with the Queensland Procurement Policy (QPP). The QPP focuses on achieving value for Queensland through cost, quality and capability, alongside economic, social and local outcomes.

For significant procurement activities, Powerlink applies a local benefits test as part of the assessment process. The test considers how suppliers contribute to local and regional outcomes, including employment, training and skills development, and the use of Australian, local and Indigenous businesses across the supply chain. Local benefits may be demonstrated regardless of where a supplier is based, for example through employing a local workforce or sourcing from local and Indigenous suppliers.



## About Powerlink

Powerlink Queensland is a leading Australian provider of electricity transmission services, focused on delivering a safe, cost-effective and reliable network for our customers.

We are also Queensland's System Strength Service Provider, which means we are responsible for meeting system strength requirements under the National Electricity Rules. To find out more visit [powerlink.com.au](https://powerlink.com.au).

## Contact us

To view our Supplier Information Guide or seek assistance with the ICN Gateway platform, scan the QR code to visit Powerlink's Gateway by ICN page <https://gateway.icn.org.au/projects/13600>.

For enquiries about Powerlink and our projects in Central Queensland, please contact [cqprojects@powerlink.com.au](mailto:cqprojects@powerlink.com.au) or phone 1800 635 369 (Monday to Friday, 7.30am – 5pm).