

Bungaban Wind Farm Connection Project

POWERLINK QUEENSLAND

Welcome to our latest project newsletter

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About the project

Powerlink is working with Windlab to connect the proposed Bungaban Wind Farm to the electricity grid. The 1.4GW wind farm is located 40km north-east of Wandoan.

Powerlink's connection works include:

- building a new substation at the wind farm site
- constructing a double circuit 275kV transmission line between the wind farm and Powerlink's existing Wandoan South Substation.

Project update

In December 2025, we submitted our project referral under the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC). This referral was open for public comment until 19 January 2026. On 3 February 2026, the Federal Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) determined that our project is a 'controlled action', meaning it requires further assessment and approval under the EPBC before it can proceed. You can view the decision notice on the [EPBC Portal](#). Thank you to everyone who provided feedback during the consultation period – your input was invaluable.

The DCCEEW has specified that the project will be assessed by preliminary documentation, which examines the project's potential impacts on protected matters (plants, animals, habitats and places) and proposed management measures. Our project team is preparing this report, which will be available for public comment for at least 20 business days once completed. Gathering and compiling the required information takes time, but we will notify you as soon as the report is open for feedback.

For more details on controlled action assessments under the EPBC process, visit the DCCEEW website. The project will also need to go through State planning approvals processes, and we'll keep you updated as both approval pathways progress.

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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Project timeline

- **July 2024**
Study area released
- **August 2024**
Feedback period for study area including community information drop-in sessions
- **November 2024**
Corridor options released. Feedback period for corridor options including community information drop-in sessions
- **March 2025**
Further consultation on investigation area
- **April - May 2025**
Recommended corridor released
Feedback period for recommended corridor including community information drop-in sessions
- **July 2025**
Final corridor released
- **2025**
Ongoing engagement with landholders to conduct on-site land studies
- **2025 - 2026**
Easement alignment negotiations with landholders
Lodge planning and environmental approvals with government agencies
Social Impact Assessment undertaken
- **2027**
Construction of transmission lines proposed to commence

Have your say in our Social Impact Assessment

How you can contribute

Powerlink has engaged an independent specialist to undertake a Social Impact Assessment (SIA) for the Bungaban Wind Farm Connection Project.

This is an opportunity for you to have a say about how the project may affect the community and what benefits could exist.

Who is undertaking the SIA?

All Things Social Impact (ATSI), alongside Ochre Social Performance is undertaking the SIA.

Their job is to listen, gather and analyse feedback fairly, then report their findings.

The SIA findings will help us with project planning, impact management, and community benefit initiatives.

How can I get involved?

There are two ways you can contribute:

- **Community survey**
Scan the QR code to complete the survey online. Alternatively, paper copies are available at the Wandoan Post Office.
- **Chat and connect sessions**
Come and chat with the SIA team in Pocket Park/Cafe on Wednesday 20 and Thursday 21 May between 8am – 1pm.



Questions about the SIA

For more information on the SIA process:

- Email the ATSI team at info@allthingsocialimpact.com
- Phone 0420 714 453

Community Grants round opening soon

Powerlink's Community Grants Program will open for applications soon. Community groups are encouraged to apply for grants of up to \$5,000 for projects and activities kicking off in 2027. Our goal is to invest in local communities and the work they are doing to build resilience, wellbeing, safety and economic outcomes.

You can find more information and submit your application at powerlink.com.au/community-grants.

Funding supports key local campaigns

Wandoan Buy Local

We're proud of the opportunities we've been given to invest in local campaigns that support local businesses and vital community events.

Recently we were pleased to fund the Wandoan Community, Commerce and Industry Association's (WCCI) Buy Local Campaign.

This campaign is all about championing local spending—encouraging everyone to support local businesses and the Wandoan community by choosing local shops first.

The WCCI's collaborative approach to marketing means small businesses can punch above their weight, getting their names out there in ways that might be tricky on their own. By raising the profile of what's on offer locally, the campaign not only inspires more people to check out local options but also helps local businesses stay competitive with bigger outside retailers.

To further support this valuable campaign, Powerlink proudly shopped local by purchasing a Weber BBQ to raffle off to participants in our Social Impact Assessment survey. A heartfelt thanks to the WCCI for pulling together this great initiative.



WCCI representative Meg Hansen, Weber raffle winner Ben and Community Relations Advisor Bec Coffey.

Looking forward to Wandoan Under the Stars

We recognise the value of events like Wandoan's Dinner Under the Stars in bringing people together, and we're pleased to help cover some of the costs involved in running this event.

This marks our second year supporting the outdoor drive-in movie experience for both the local community and visiting tourists to enjoy a night under the stars.



Community Relations Advisor Bec Coffey attending the 2025 Wandoan Under the Stars.

Out and about in Wandoan



Connecting with locals to hear their feedback and input on the Bungaban Wind Farm Connection Project.

Wandoan Show shines

Thank you to everyone who visited our Powerlink team at the Wandoan Show on Saturday 18 April 2026. We were pleased to help setup the event on the Friday alongside the Show Society's hard-working members.

We kicked off our Social Impact Assessment activity with the opening of a community survey to help gather insights and were very grateful to everyone who sat down to chat in detail about the project and share their thoughts regarding potential challenges and opportunities. We enjoyed our conversations with you and took away lots of valuable information.

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.

Further information

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