



Addendum:

Traditional Owner Engagement and Recognition of the Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council community



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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Powerlink recognises the importance of engaging with the full breadth of communities connected to the regions in which we build and operate our assets.

In delivering our activities we are committed to respectful and meaningful engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and acknowledge the unique knowledge, perspectives and cultural responsibilities held by Traditional Owners. Through ongoing collaboration and relationship building, Powerlink seeks to achieve positive and enduring outcomes for Traditional Owners, their communities and future generations.

The Central Queensland Social Impact Assessment (CQ SIA) research and engagement process, sought to better understand community perspectives, local aspirations and the cultural and social values associated with the CQ SIA Study Area.

An important aspect of the CQ SIA was engagement with the Traditional Owner groups whose Country includes areas where Powerlink projects are located. This engagement has provided valuable insights and informed both the CQ SIA and associated Social Impact Management Plans.

Feedback received through the CQ SIA engagement process highlighted the importance of recognising Woorabinda's unique connections to Country and the significant role the community plays for many Traditional Owners connected to the SIA study area. While Woorabinda was not within the formal CQ SIA study area, discussions highlighted the strong cultural, family and community connections that many residents maintain with Country located within the Central Queensland region.

Powerlink recognises that connections to Country continue regardless of where people currently reside and acknowledges the vital role these connections play in maintaining culture, identity, knowledge, community wellbeing and the ongoing responsibilities Traditional Owners hold for Country and future generations.

These insights have informed how we can strengthen our engagement with the Woorabinda community. As our portfolio of activity in Central Queensland has progressed, we have worked with Traditional Owners through the Gladstone Project Indigenous Participation Program and will continue to identify opportunities for participation and inclusion through our social impact management planning and activation.

These activities leverage the unique capability of Powerlink's Indigenous Partnerships, Cultural Heritage and Indigenous Relations functions that work alongside Traditional Owner groups across Queensland. These teams support relationship building, cultural heritage protection, community engagement and Indigenous Participation Planning, working collaboratively with Traditional Owners to create pathways for meaningful participation and realise opportunities that contribute to economic, social and cultural outcomes for Traditional Owner communities.

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