

# Work on electricity transmission towers in your area

February 2018

## Earthworks

Dear resident,

We are writing regarding specialised transmission line maintenance works scheduled to take place in your area in the coming months.

The works will initially involve Powerlink representatives undertaking inspections of areas within the easement on your property as part of planning activities. Where required, we will then be completing earthworks in specific locations identified to maintain safe clearances between our transmission lines and the ground. This maintenance work is essential to ensuring the continued safe and reliable operation of the transmission network.

**Inspections are expected to start in February 2018, with on-ground earthworks near our transmission lines and towers scheduled to commence in around May. Activities are expected to be completed by December (weather permitting). The project will not result in any planned electricity outages.**

Powerlink will require access to the transmission line and/or towers on your property using existing easements and access tracks. Access to areas of the easement away from existing access tracks may be required in some circumstances. We will contact you to discuss our proposed access arrangements specific to your property.

### Landholder engagement

A Powerlink representative will contact you directly in the near future to make suitable arrangements and provide further information on the scope and timing of this work, and discuss any queries you may have.

### Minimising potential impacts

We are committed to safely managing any potential impacts associated with these works. At all times, we aim to conduct our activities with as little disruption as possible to landholders and the wider community.

All activities will be undertaken in accordance with any agreed property entry conditions and Powerlink's Land Access Protocol, which can be viewed at [www.powerlink.com.au](http://www.powerlink.com.au). The project will also be undertaken in accordance with rigorous environmental management requirements, which outline how potential environmental and social impacts will be minimised and managed.

### Overview of work

The initial transmission line inspections will be carried out by crews travelling in light vehicles, including 4WDs.

During on-ground earthworks, our crews will be using a range of vehicles and equipment in accordance with the scope of works required, potentially including excavators and bulldozers. The extent of earthworks carried out at each transmission line span will vary, to ensure our maintenance work is targeted and effective.



Our crews will ensure that once earthworks have been completed, the site will be appropriately reinstated where necessary. We will contact you to discuss what remediation works may be relevant to your property.

Work may be conducted progressively over multiple visits to complete different components of maintenance activities.

### **Working hours**

To minimise any inconvenience, our working hours are typically between 6.30am and 6.30pm, Monday to Saturday (not including public holidays).

### **Biosecurity**

Powerlink recognises the effective prevention of weeds, pathogens and pests is a high priority for landholders. We comply with the *Biosecurity Act 2014* and take all reasonable and practical actions to ensure our activities do not introduce or spread biosecurity matter. We are committed to working with landholders to identify potential biosecurity risks and develop effective and appropriate management methods as required. Please contact our Powerlink representative listed below if you would like to further discuss biosecurity considerations for your property.

### **Further information**

If you would like more information about this project, please contact:

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***Powerlink thanks you for your patience as we undertake this important work.***

### **About Powerlink Queensland:**

Powerlink is a State Government Owned Corporation, which owns, develops, operates and maintains the high voltage electricity transmission network that extends 1700km from north of Cairns to the New South Wales border. Find out more about Powerlink: [www.powerlink.com.au](http://www.powerlink.com.au) (go to 'About Powerlink').



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