

COMMUNITY NOTICE | JUNE 2024

Bayview Heights to White Rock Underground Cable Project



Dear resident,

We are writing to advise of upcoming essential works along Powerlink's existing 275kV underground transmission cables that run between the Bayview Heights and White Rock transition stations in Cairns.



## PROJECT OVERVIEW

The 2.7km underground cables are critical to maintaining a reliable and secure power supply for residents and businesses in Cairns and the Far North Queensland region. Recent inspections have identified the following works are needed in Mount Sheridan's Forest Gardens Estate:

- vegetation management and removal of selected trees along the underground cable easement
- easement restoration, including replanting with compatible vegetation
- refurbishment works at two joint bay sites located underground within the easement, near Alpinia Terrace and Amazon Close (scheduled for the 2025 dry season).



## PROJECT TIMINGS AND SCOPE

We are targeting commencement of these essential works from late July 2024, for delivery over an approximate three to four year period. Our project team is committed to minimising impacts from these activities wherever possible and will keep you updated on start and finish dates for all planned works.

We do not need access to private properties, however you may notice an increase in vehicles on local roads in your area. The works will not affect your power supply.

Please find attached a project newsletter which provides more information about the requirements for selected tree removal and vegetation management, and plans for the easement restoration. It also includes a map to show you where the works will take place and contact details if you would like to get in touch with our project team.

We recognise that removing trees will have an impact and are working closely with Cairns Regional Council to effectively plan for the safe and appropriate restoration of the underground cable easement.



# A COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

We are seeking community feedback to help inform the approach for the vegetation management and timing for the restoration works.

We will be out in the community over the coming days door-knocking residents directly neighbouring the easement and hosting community information drop-in sessions.



## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Further information on the project is also available on our website at powerlink.com.au/bayviewheightswhiterock or by scanning this QR code.

You can also connect with our project team on 07 4034 7600 or <a href="mailto:fnqprojects@powerlink.com.au">fnqprojects@powerlink.com.au</a>.



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