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Bayview Heights to White Rock Underground Cable Project



Dear resident,

We are writing to provide an update on essential works starting 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. Essential works are required along sections of the underground cables and easement located in Mount Sheridan's Forest Gardens Estate and include:

- vegetation management along the easement, including selected removal of approximately 385 trees identified as being a high or future risk to the underground cables
- easement restoration, including replanting with compatible vegetation
- refurbishment works at two cable joint bay sites located near Alpinia Terrace and Amazon Close.

Community feedback has been used to help inform the approach for the vegetation management and timing for the easement restoration works.

Please see included a project newsletter which provides more information about the vegetation management approach, key community feedback and planning for the easement restoration. It also includes maps to show you where the works will take place and details on how to get in touch with our project team.



VEGETATION MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES AND TIMINGS

Vegetation management and selected tree removal along the easement will start from **Monday 29 July 2024**. Works will commence at the Alpinia Terrace end of the easement and will continue along the easement towards Amazon Close.

Local contractors, ETS Infrastructure Management, will be delivering the vegetation management works. An arborist and fauna spotter will also be on-site during the tree felling works.

On-site equipment will include wood-chippers, tipper trucks, chainsaws, pole saws, blowers, an excavator and a specialist tree harvesting machine.

Work crews will be on-site on **Mondays to Fridays, between 7.30am and 5pm**. To minimise impacts to local residents, tree removal, stump grinding and chipping activities will take place during restricted work hours between 9.00am and 5.00pm only.

We do not need access to private properties, and the works will not affect your power supply.

Residents may notice an increase in vehicle movements on local roads and traffic control will be in place to ensure residents can safely access their properties during the works.

Spotters on-site will manage the safety and access of pedestrians using the walking path along Crowleys Creek.



KEEPING THE COMMUNITY INFORMED

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 will be out in the community over the coming days door-knocking residents directly neighbouring the easement and hosting another community information drop-in session regarding the selected 'option one' for vegetation removal on **Thursday 25 July**, between 5pm and 8pm at Mount Sheridan Plaza.

Over the coming months, there will be also be further opportunities for residents and the community to review and provide feedback on the restoration plans.



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 fnqprojects@powerlink.com.au.



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

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