

## Gladstone Project Priority Transmission Investment Webinar Q&As

### Question 1

Will the recording of the webinar be made available to attendees?

Yes. Powerlink will be publishing the webinar on its website.

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### Question 2

Will you share the presentation slides?

Yes. The presentation will be published along with the Webinar and Q&As.

### Question 3

When did consultation open?

The consultation officially commenced on 10 July 2024.

### Question 4

What is the expected delivery date for this project?

The requirement in the direction from the ministers identified as soon as practicable and indicatively by March 2029. Powerlink has identified there are some staging limitations on the work and there is also a desire to be flexible; to only build the assets as and when needed in line with the decarbonisation in Gladstone.

The first component of the staged delivery of the project comprises the transmission line between Calvale and Calliope River, the transformer at Calliope River and network, or non-network services, to provide system strength and voltage support. This component of work is targeted for completion by the end of 2028. The preliminary timing of subsequent stages are laid out in the consultation document, but are around end of 2029 and mid-2031. As mentioned, actual timing will be staged to meet the network requirements. Hence, there may be some flexibility in those timings to bring them forward or delay them in line with any changes in the underlying assumptions.

### Question 5

What is the proposed delivery model for the works?

Powerlink is looking at the investment plan now. We have a new division that's been established to look after these major projects that need to be delivered over the next few years. Work on the delivery model is underway, so it is too early to say exactly what that model is. Potential options could be joint venture, pre-qualified panel or open tender, however there is no answer at this stage.

## Question 6

For the cost-benefit analysis process there is need for market modelling as far as I'm aware. What team is going to conduct this part of the work if it's the case and I'm not missing anything.

Powerlink is working through the details of the cost-benefit analysis to be undertaken, and specifically what the modelling might look like and what the role is for market benefits to inform the cost-benefit analysis.

Powerlink will further address the role for market modelling within the cost-benefit analysis as part of the assessment consultation paper and consultation.

## Question 7

Will some of the work be identified in the Transmission Annual Planning Report (TAPR) 2024 with delivery timeline? And is there any work that is being undertaken as Powerlink business as usual (BAU)?

This Gladstone Project will be discussed in the TAPR, including timeframes based on the best information available at the time of publication.

Powerlink's BAU has a very defined approach for engagement in acquiring new easements, which is explained in our [Transmission Easement Engagement Process](#). In line with that process, Powerlink will work with landholders, traditional owner groups, communities and other stakeholders to undertake route identification and finalisation of easements. This process has already commenced.

The construction approach and delivery model will be developed in due course, and will most likely set the model Powerlink will be adopting for other major projects and elements of the SuperGrid roll out.