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Bayview Heights to White Rock Underground Cable Project

Dear resident,

We are writing to provide you with an update on the essential works being delivered 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.

We thank you for your continued patience as we deliver these important works.



VEGETATION MANAGEMENT UPDATE

The tree removal and vegetation management works required for 2024 are now complete.

Community feedback informed the approach for vegetation management which involved removing most of the vegetation in 2024 including high risk trees and selected trees in four clusters to enable progressive easement restoration works to take place.

Mulch from the removed trees has been spread over the cleared cluster areas and coir logs have been installed to manage erosion along the creek bank.

Further tree removal will be undertaken in the 2025 dry season. We will provide you with more information on these future activities early next year.

Maps showing the staging of the vegetation management are available on our project website at powerlink.com.au/bayviewheightswhiterock or by contacting our project team (details overleaf).



CROWLEYS CREEK WALKING PATH

The machinery used during the tree removal works damaged some sections of the concrete walking path along Crowleys Creek.

In conjunction with Cairns Regional Council, it has been agreed that some sections of the walking path will be repaired in the coming months.

As the machinery will need further access to some areas of the walking path, the remaining repairs will be undertaken following the 2025 tree removal works.



EASEMENT RESTORATION PLANNING

We are continuing to work with Cairns Regional Council to plan for the easement restoration works which will commence at the cleared cluster areas in the 2024 wet season.

Over the coming weeks, there will be opportunities for local residents and the community to review the restoration plans, provide further feedback and meet with our project team. Our next community information drop-in session is being held on **Thursday 3 October 2024 from 10am to 12pm** at Mount Sheridan Plaza (near Coles).

The plans will include the compatible species types to be planted along the easement and the location and indicative design of new amenities.

Powerlink is also looking to engage local volunteer and community groups to partner with us in delivering the easement restoration works.



RESIDENT SURVEY

We are committed to keeping residents and the wider community updated about the essential works and minimising impacts, wherever possible. To help inform our planning over the next 12 months, we are seeking feedback on our engagement activities to date and the recent delivery of the vegetation management works by ETS Infrastructure Management.

You can provide your feedback via a short hard copy survey **attached** with this Community Notice. An electronic version of the survey is also available on our project website. We really appreciate your time and feedback. The survey will be open until **Friday 6 December 2024**.



FURTHER INFORMATION

More information on the project is 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.



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