



# Customer Panel Meeting

30 May 2024



# Acknowledgement

Powerlink acknowledges the Traditional Owners and their custodianship of the lands and waters of Queensland and in particular, the lands on which we operate. We pay our respect to their Ancestors, Elders and knowledge holders and recognise their deep history and ongoing connection to Country.

# Information

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*Thank you*

1.05 Welcome

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Outlook

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Queensland Renewable Energy Zones update

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Powerlink pricing update

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Revenue determination approach update

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Break

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Energy Charter Accountability & Disclosure

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Transmission Investments update: PTI & RIT-T

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4.00 Close

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# Outlook





Update





# Queensland Renewable Energy Zones



# REZ Roadmap

The Queensland Government, with input from Powerlink, has released a REZ Roadmap that outlines where and indicative time periods for proposed REZ's across the state

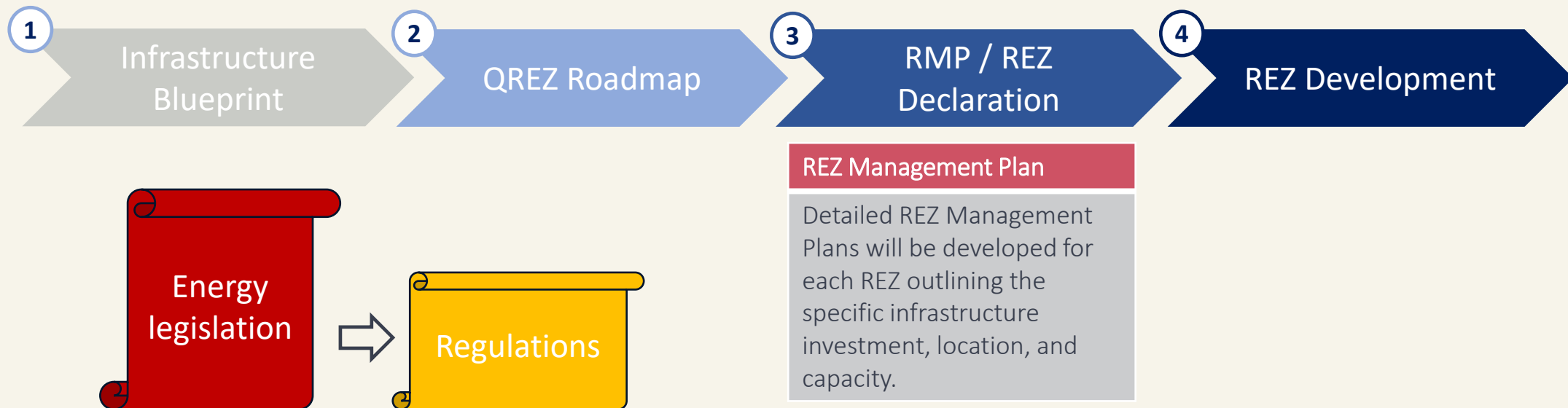


	 In-flight	 Phase 1 (MID 2020s)	 Phase 2 (LATE 2020s)	 Phase 3 (EARLY 2030s)
North	500	500	5,100	5,100
Central	0	4,600	8,200	8,200
South	4,000	4,000	9,200	11,600
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,500 MW</b>	<b>9,100 MW</b>	<b>~ 23 GW</b>	<b>~ 25 GW</b>

# How will REZs be governed?

## The *Energy (Renewable Transformation and Jobs) Bill 2023*

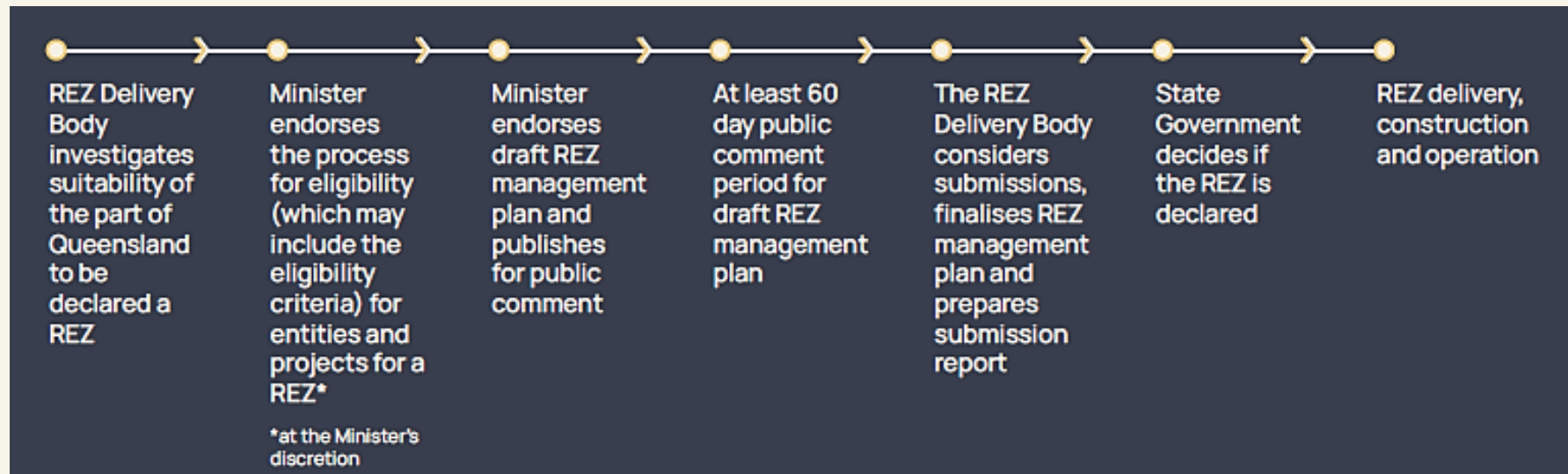
- was introduced into law 18 April 2024
- provides the authority to actively plan Renewable Energy Zones
- new statutory function for Powerlink as the REZ Delivery Body





# Declaring our first REZ

- Introducing the REZ to the community and other stakeholders
  - Prepare material to support engagement activities
  - Work with the Department of Energy and Climate to support the delivery of the REZ readiness assessments
  - Work with the Department of Energy and Climate to coordinate engagement activities
- Draft REZ management plan
  - Seek feedback from the stakeholders on the draft REZ management plan
  - Supported by Getting Involved document



# Thank You

Thank you for the extensive customer panel input into our REZ factsheets



# Current - Invitation for input

- Discussion paper and engagement questions open to responses (four week engagement window)
- Focus on energy proponents, a selection of design and development topics for REZs

INVITATION TO RESPOND

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Queensland REZ design  
and development  
considerations

Powerlink's roles





# Powerlink's 2024/25 Transmission Pricing Update

Sally Taylor  
Manager Pricing and Billing



# Prescribed Transmission Prices

- Calculated in accordance with the National Electricity Rules and Powerlink's Pricing Methodology.
- The AER determines the Maximum Allowed Revenue Powerlink can recover as part of a Revenue Determination process.
- Process requires estimates and forecasts.

## 2024/25 Prices

- Powerlink published prices 15 March and take effect from 1 July 2024.
- Key contributor to the price increase is the reduction in market settlement residues revenues.

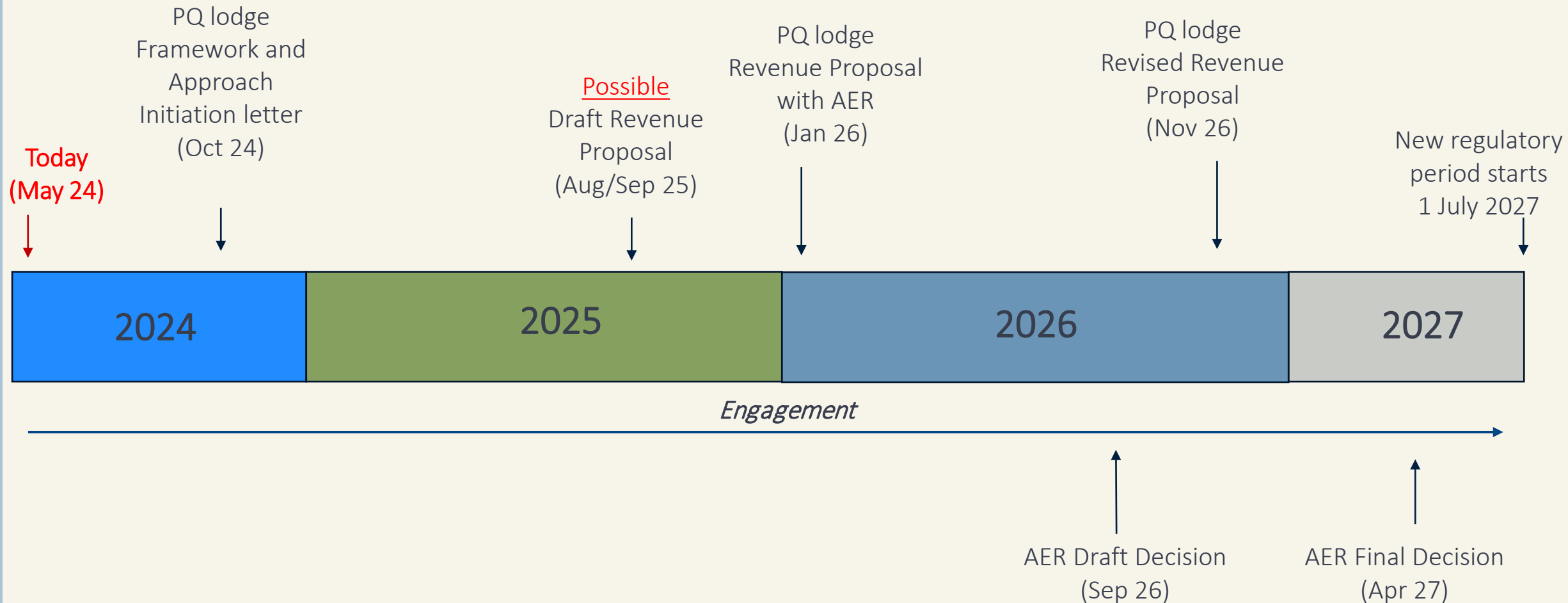


# Powerlink 2028-32 Revenue Determination Process

Jennifer Harris  
General Manager Network Regulation



# Key Regulatory Timeframes - *Indicative*



Note – current regulatory period is 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2027

# Engagement – Initial Proposals

- Foundation sessions
  - Revenue Determination 101 – run 2-3 sessions for those not/less familiar with the process (session one: morning of 12<sup>th</sup> September)
  - Engagement learnings from the last process
- Customer Panel
  - Likely to establish a sub-panel to engage more deeply on revenue determination (RD) matters
  - Members of the reset group – invitation to refer
- Australian Energy Regulator (AER)
  - Will seek AER attendance at our RD engagement sessions
- Powerlink
  - To work on team structure, staffing, approach, etc
  - Prepare DRAFT Engagement Plan



# Revenue Determination – Initial Thoughts?

*What does streamlined/targeted engagement look like to you?*



Break

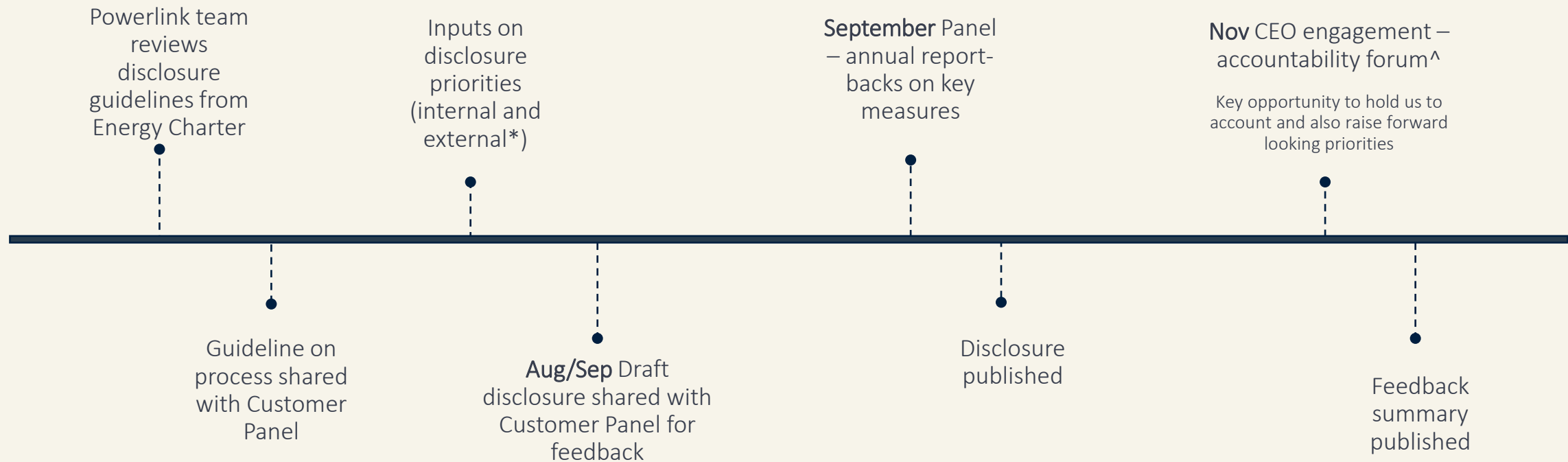
# Energy Charter - Accountability

Commitment to be accountable for our customer maturity and how we are delivering against the Energy Charter Principles

- Published disclosure
- Engagement with Customer Panel (panel helps hold us to account)



# Annual accountability cycle



\*stakeholder perception survey includes section on future priorities, additional engagement with panel members as needed where existing priorities open for review.  
<sup>^</sup>any commitments arising to be considered

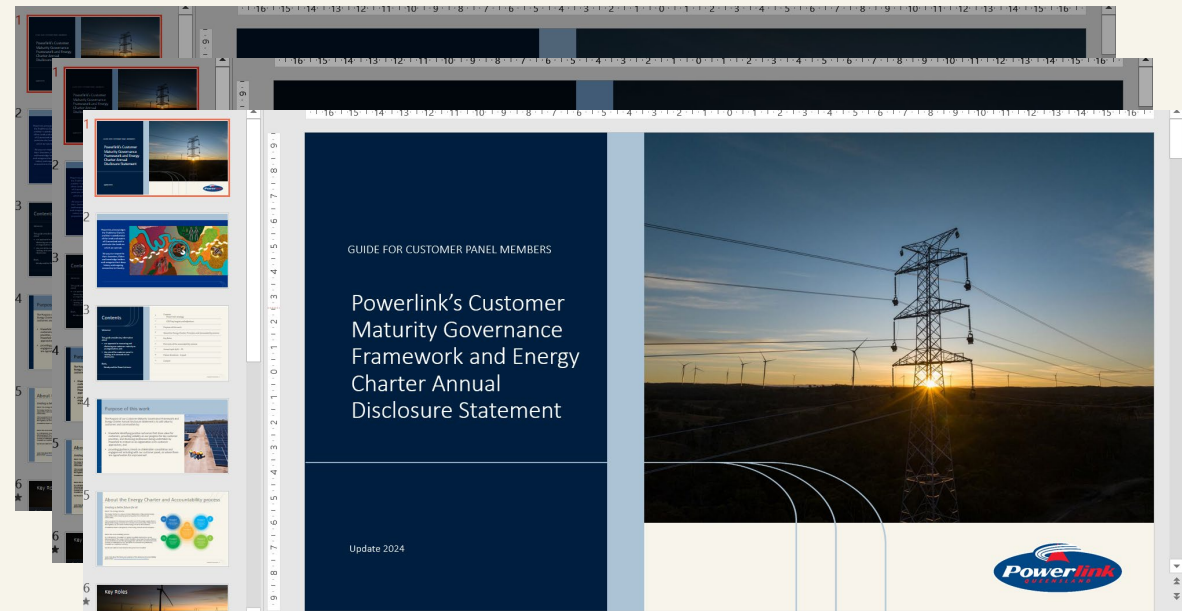
# Invitation & Further Reading

1-1 Call

Guide

Past disclosure statements

Energy Charter website





REPORT-BACK

# Priority Transmission Investment Engagement

May 30 2024

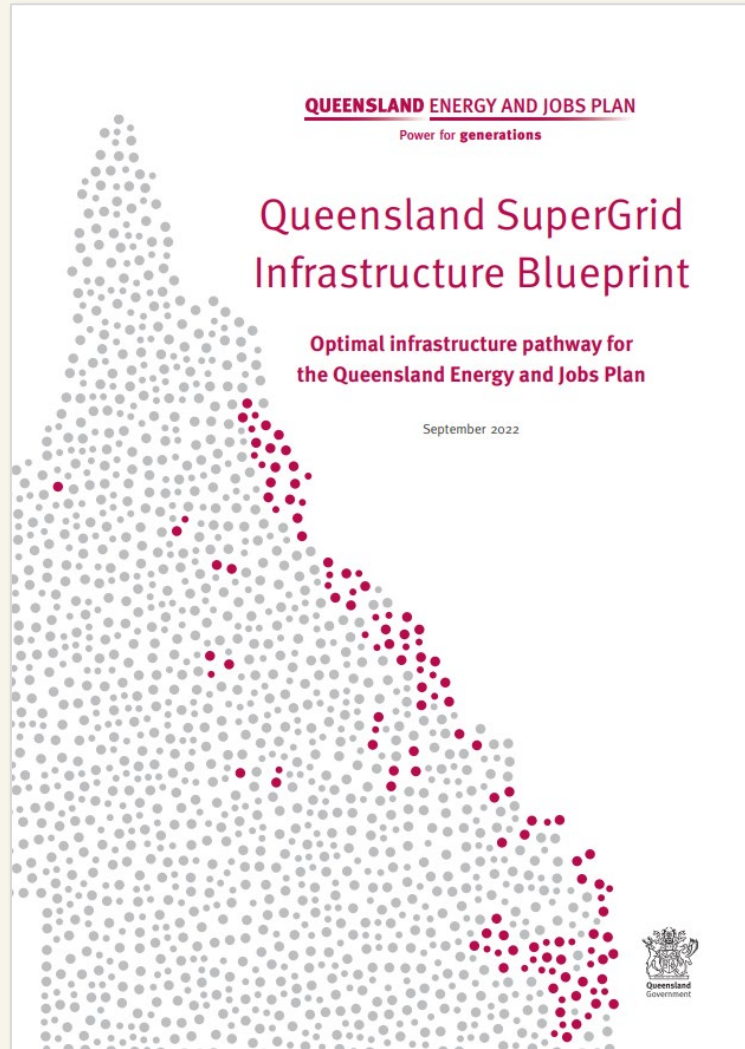


# PTI- Background

- Purpose of the PTI framework
- Process recap: Assessment > Submission
- Overview of Checks & Balances that form part of the process



# Blueprint ~ Optimal Infrastructure Pathway



Government document

Biennial review –

- retest cost assumptions for strategy
- revalidation of optimal infrastructure pathway

Priority Transmission Investment flows from Blueprint



# Priority transmission investment framework

The priority transmission investment (PTI) framework creates an approval pathway to deliver infrastructure in the timeframe and at the scale necessary in line with the Queensland Infrastructure Blueprint.

It is needed to:

- enable a coordinated transition
- enable a step-change in infrastructure established.

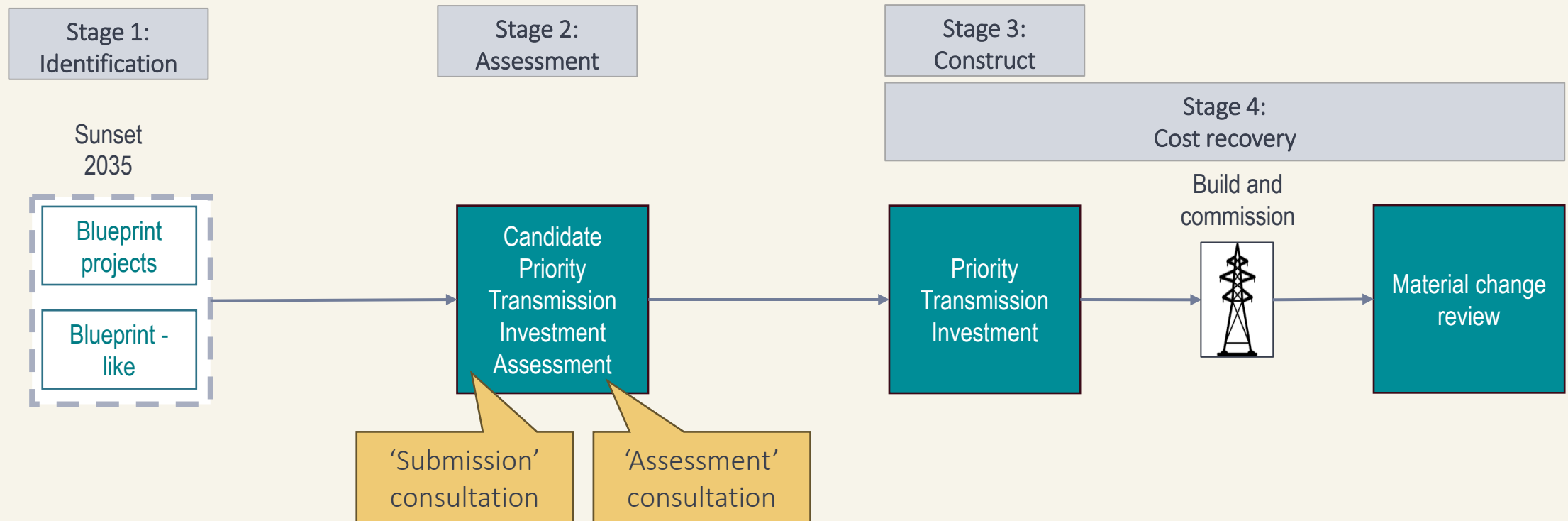
# Priority transmission investment framework

## Checks and balances



# PTI framework: Consultation

- Consultation remains an important feature of the PTI framework
- Best practice engagement should be retained to the extent that can be accommodated within the timeframes directed by the responsible Ministers and in consideration of confidentiality obligations



# PTI- Powerlink's engagement

- PTI Sub-Customer Panel Working Group
- Draft Outcomes



# PTI Sub customer panel working group - update

Purpose of the working group: engagement focused

In our April convening of the Sub-Customer Panel Working Group key questions were discussed and input provided by working group members.

- Questions on content expected
- Questions on engagement (who, what),  
for each of the Submission and Assessment stages of consultation

A final working group engagement is anticipated to review the drafted outcomes and gain any further feedback.

# Overview of Draft Outcomes

1. Principles of engagement
2. Roles / engagement scope table
3. Audience
4. Engagement & consultation audience and activities (incl. non-network solutions provider engagement)

Principles of Priority Transmission Investment Engagement		
Clear	the process, roles and responsibilities are clear	
Transparent	the process is transparent, providing confidence in the process and decisions arising	
Active	the engagement approach is fit-for-purpose and responsive to stakeholder feedback	
Flexible	the timeframes are reflective of PTI project milestones while allowing for project assessment	
System-perspective	project assessment	

What is in and out of Powerlink's control in the two PTI stages- Submission and Assessment		
Area	Outside PQ control	Within PQ control
Timeframes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ministers will direct Powerlink on time to complete submission and consultation timeframes, informed by optimal infrastructure pathway</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adopt best practice within defined timeframe, i.e. make the most of the time prescribed by Ministers                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>who we consult with and how we consult, e.g.                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>grow consultation channels</li> <li>target consultation to 'key stakeholders'</li> <li>early education of prospective key stakeholders</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Confidentiality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ministers will determine confidentiality requirements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open consultation without breaching confidentiality</li> </ul>
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Modifications to 'assessment'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ministers decide what is 'appropriate and as minimal as practical'</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommendation of modifications to be made to the assessment documents</li> </ul>

Engagement Stages	
Preparatory	<p><b>Timing:</b> Prior to PTI Submission / Assessment consultations</p> <p><b>Aims:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Key concept education and awareness raising to support readiness to consult</li> <li>Enable sign-up for interested parties / Build database of interested parties</li> </ul>
Eligible PTI	<p><b>Timing:</b> Prior to PTI Submission / Assessment consultations</p> <p><b>Aims:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Awareness raising of prospective eligible PTIs to support readiness to consult and provision of advance notification (TAPR)</li> </ul>
Candidate PTI (Submission, Assessment)	<p><b>Timing:</b> PTI Submission / Assessment timeframe in accordance with Ministerial timeframes*</p> <p><b>Aims:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Notify interested parties of upcoming consultation as early as possible</li> <li>Those interested in the consultation are notified of the consultation- existing lists &amp; wider audience reach</li> <li>Adaptive engagement activity e.g. where timeframes permit, host a webinar</li> </ul>

# Engagement scope table

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# Engagement Principles

## Working Group comments:

1. Use plain English
2. What stakeholders can influence should be clear, as should roles and the engagement process
3. Needs to align with the overall system transformation, clear links to the overall plan
4. Confidentiality will limit transparency

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<b>Flexible</b>	the timeframes are reflective of PTI project milestones while allowing genuine engagement
<b>System-perspective</b>	project assessments are on a project basis, however, must serve system-wide need.



## Working Group comments:

1. The Submission Stage in particular requires a level of subject matter expertise to respond
2. A range of industry and representative stakeholders could / should have the opportunity to be consulted
3. Wider audience / public should have the opportunity to respond
4. Engagement with Landholders / Community was raised

## Outcome:

1. We will look to enable opportunities for any interested stakeholder to engage, in particular – we will maintain contact lists for industry / representative participants as well as allow any interested person to sign up for updates e.g. via website
2. We will provide information to support understanding and knowledge of the PTI process and concepts
3. Landholder / Communities engagement focus will be through *Transmission Easement Engagement Process*

## Working Group comments:

1. Be clear on what can be influenced in the consultation and focus on these sections/issues in the consultation process
2. Plan for the extreme scenario of no / nearly no consultation timeframe
3. Regards content – a detailed range of content inputs were provided by working group members e.g. risk, implications of not proceeding, cost-benefit analysis
4. The Submission may require higher levels of expertise to effectively engage with (re. stakeholders consulting on this)
5. If possible, Assessment warrants longer consultation timeframe than Submission

**Outcome: see next slide**

## Engagement Stages

### Preparatory

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\*Plan for 10 day consultation scenario (lead-in engagement prior,) extend timeframes based on actual allocated times (as relevant).

Engagement Stage	Potential engagement activities
Preparatory	<p><b>Overall education and support preparedness of interested parties to engage:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information on website e.g. PTI alignment to system transformation; PTI roles; consultation stages and how to engage, clarity on how landholders/community can best engage with Powerlink, etc.</li> <li>Sign-up options to receive notifications</li> <li>Invitation to learn about the PTI process / link to information resources to support consultation-readiness</li> </ul>
Eligible PTI	<p><b>Eligible PTI communication and engagement activities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submissions for non-network alternatives requested in the Transmission Annual Planning Report (TAPR)</li> <li>Broad communication to interested parties to advise of TAPR publication</li> <li>Additional communication (email) to members of Powerlink's Non-network Engagement Stakeholder Register</li> <li>Meetings with non-network providers who lodge early interest for credible non-network solutions to PTI</li> </ul>
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Thank you

