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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.**



### EASEMENT RESTORATION WORKS UPDATE

The planting of compatible vegetation in the cleared cluster areas is scheduled to commence from **Monday 18 November 2024** and will continue into early 2025. We will keep residents updated on the timings of these works.

Powerlink has engaged Cairns Conservation Services to deliver the planting works which will involve:

- site preparation
- weed management, including the manual removal of weeds and herbicide application
- installing temporary fencing around the work areas
- planting of tube stock and street trees
- maintenance activities for 12 months, from completion of easement planting.

The equipment being used for the works may include small saws (electric or handsaw), shovels, mattocks, crowbars and a small excavator with auger attachments.

To manage the heat, works will generally be undertaken on weekday mornings or afternoons and on Saturdays between 7.00am to 4.00pm, weather dependent. The timing of works may change depending on weather conditions and contractor availability.

Pedestrian access to the Crowleys Creek walking path will be maintained during the planting works.



## ALPINIA TERRACE WORKS

The planting works will start at the Alpinia Terrace end of the easement. Due to the steep creek embankment in this area, work crews will require ropes and harnesses to safely undertake the lower bank plantings. The tree stumps along Alpinia Terrace will be used by work crews as anchor points for their harnesses.

We have received feedback from residents about the visual impacts of the tree stumps. Once the lower bank plantings are complete, the tree stumps will be trimmed to a level closer to the ground during the 2025 vegetation management works. The new plantings near the walking path will also provide visual screening for the tree stumps.

Some areas need to remain clear to provide access for further tree removal and required joint bay refurbishment works scheduled for 2025. Plantings in these areas will be undertaken at the start of the 2025 wet season.



## FEEDBACK ON THE PROPOSED AMENITIES

Thank you to the residents who shared their feedback on the proposed amenities along the walking path and easement and who visited our team at the community information drop-in sessions. We appreciate your time and input. We are now finalising the easement restoration plans with Cairns Regional Council and will provide an update to the community in the coming weeks.



## RESIDENT SURVEY

Thank you also to the residents who have completed and returned a resident feedback survey. The survey is open until **Friday 6 December 2024** and the feedback received will be used to help inform our project and engagement planning over the next 12 months.

An electronic version of the survey is available on our project website or you can contact our project team to request a hard copy.



## FURTHER INFORMATION

More information on the project is available on our website at [powerlink.com.au/bayviewheightswhiterock](https://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](mailto:fnqprojects@powerlink.com.au).

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