Bungaban Wind Farm Connection Project -Overview





DECEMBER 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.

# Agenda

1.	Powerlink Queensland role in the power system
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# Powerlink Queensland

**Queensland Government owned** – one of Australia's leading transmission network companies.

We own, develop, operate and maintain the high voltage transmission network.

We provide electricity to more than five million Queenslanders and 241,000 businesses.

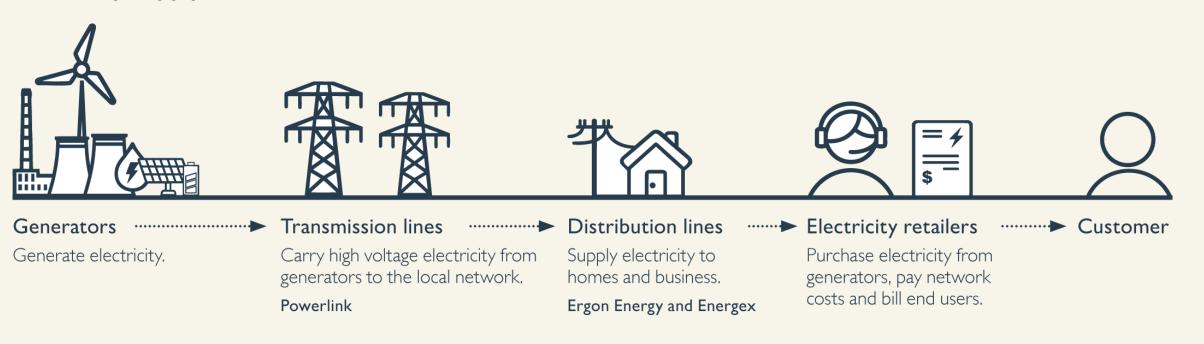
Our network runs **1,700km** from north of Cairns to the New South Wales border.

Comprises **15,449** circuit kilometres of transmission lines and **152** substations.

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#### The role of transmission

#### Electricity supply chain



# Bungaban project update

- Powerlink has been engaged by Windlab to investigate a transmission line connection for its proposed Bungaban Wind Farm, 40km from Wandoan, to the electricity grid.
- The 1.4GW wind farm will have the capacity to generate enough energy to power 700,000 homes and enhance the security and reliability of the transmission network.
- The project includes one new substation and a new 275kV double circuit transmission line between Powerlink's existing Wandoan South Substation and the wind farm site.
- Powerlink released a high-level study area in July 2024 and sought feedback from Landholders, Traditional Owner groups, community members and other stakeholders between July and September 2024.
- Desktop analysis and community feedback has informed two corridor options we are now seeking feedback on.





#### Transmission Easement Engagement Process

Introduce project and determine corridor selection criteria

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Corridor options

2.

**3.** Recommended corridor

**4.** Final Corridor 5. On-site land studies 6.

Easement alignment and negotiations

Planning and environmental approvals

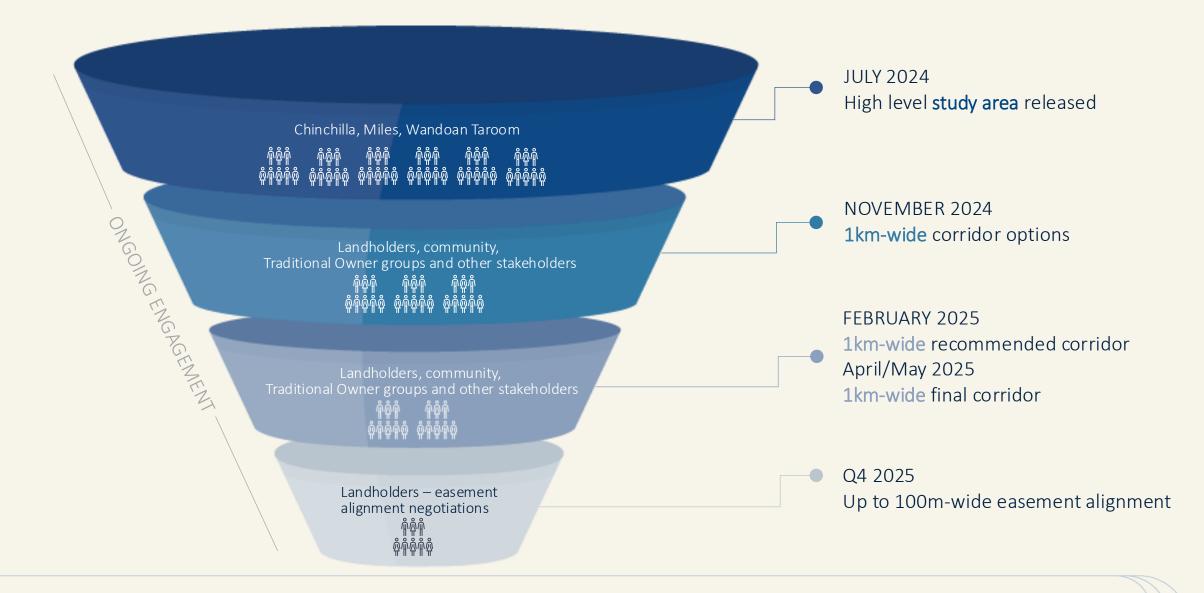
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Ongoing engagement and commitments

COMMUNITY INSIGHTS

#### How engagement feeds into our process



### Study Area engagement undertaken

Since July 2024, Powerlink has shared information and gathered feedback via:

- community information drop-in sessions (6) at Chinchilla, Miles, Wandoan and Taroom 49 attendees
- interactive mapping Social Pinpoint (30) individual comments
- landholder letters (56), telephone calls (26) and emails
- elected representative briefings
- consultation meetings with representatives of identified Traditional Owner groups
- distribution of 500 project newsletters and feedback cards
- podcast, print, radio and social media advertisements promoting the project website and information sessions.

# Key feedback themes



#### Land use

- Considerations of farming operations
- Type of activities which can occur within an easement

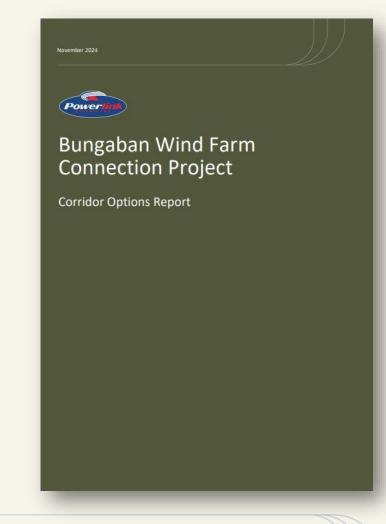


#### Property

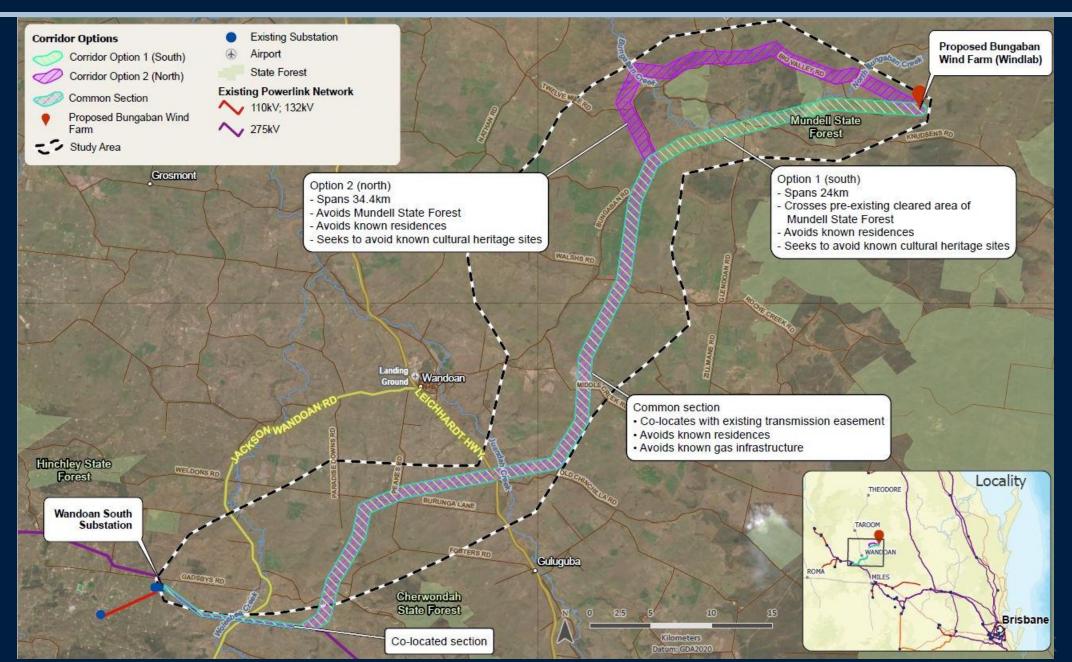
- Distance from residential properties
- Landholder compensation

#### Environment and heritage

- Protecting native flora and fauna
- Environment impacts including biosecurity
- Compliance with environment legislation
- Avoidance of areas with cultural significance



#### Bungaban Wind Farm Connection Corridor Options – 1km-wide



# Corridor option engagement sessions

#### What we heard

- Impact of transmission lines on aerial mustering and farming practices
- Visual amenity concerns
- Proximity to landholder airstrip
- Development and progress of other renewable projects and potential need for more transmission lines
- Confusion over messages to landholders regarding Powerlink's role and proponent intentions
- Questions about the connection of the line to the Wandoan South substation
- Need for increased health services in the area
- Consideration for worker accommodation



#### Next steps

- We are seeking feedback via the feedback form on our project page.
- We are also keen for you to drop pins and comments on the interactive map with specific locations, buildings, operations, development plans that you think are important for us to consider.
- Feedback will be analysed and support the identification of a recommended corridor for further investigation.
- A Recommended Corridor Report will be released for feedback in February 2025.



#### INTERACTIVE MAP

You can also provide feedback on specific locations within the corridor options and other land use information via our interactive map which allows visitors to add a 'pin' at a specific location and make a comment. In this way we can engage with people from the local community and respond directly to specific questions and comments.

#### VIEW THE INTERACTIVE MAP $\rightarrow$







# We invite your feedback

#### Visit the project page

- Complete a feedback form
- Drop a pin and comment on our interactive map
- Feedback close Sunday 15 December 2025

#### Contact the project team

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### Any questions?



#### Please enter them in the chat



# Thank you

# We appreciate your attendance

