



Projects on Powerlink land

A guide to accessing Powerlink land in development of renewable connection projects

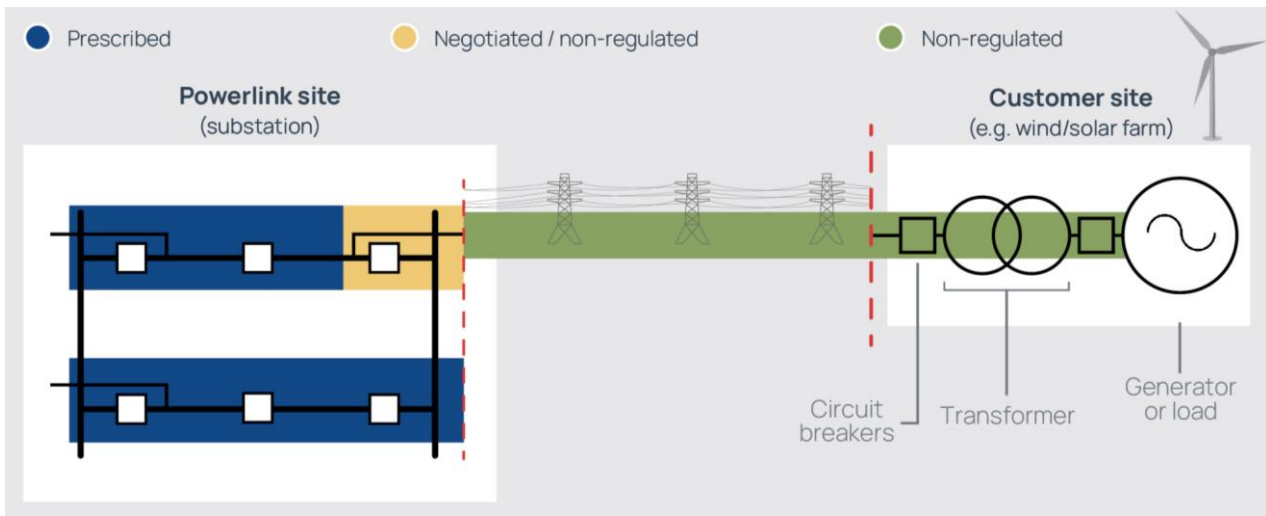


Who is Powerlink Queensland?

We are a Government Owned Corporation that owns, develops, operates and maintains the high voltage (HV) electricity transmission network in Queensland. Our network extends 1,700 kilometres from Cairns to the New South Wales border. Our purpose is to connect Queenslanders to a world-class energy future.

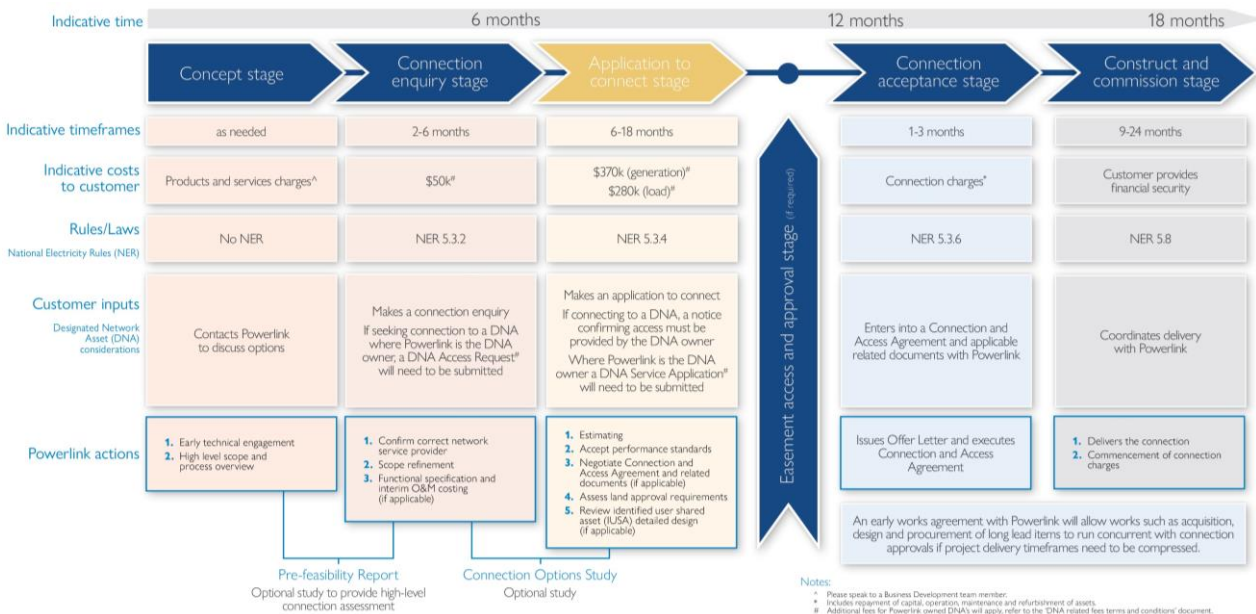
Powerlink Queensland performs two primary connection service functions:

- The Transmission Network Service Provider (TNSP) for Queensland
- A service provider of contestable HV connection works



Pathway to connection

Our network connection process



About Projects on Powerlink land

Where proponents intend to own and maintain the proposed assets to be constructed on Powerlink land surrounding our assets, Powerlink are required to assess the impact that the proposed transmission assets will have on Powerlink owned land while also considering existing and future infrastructure requirements. This guide intends to:

- help proponents understand their obligations in facilitating landholder consent
- assess relevant approvals and formalise land access and construction rights to connect to our transmission network where Powerlink land is accessed
- help define division of responsibilities with development of the above
- enable early access (with conditions) to land with standard terms and conditions.

Under this offering, Powerlink will act as a stakeholder rather than an advisory function. If you require expertise in obtaining approvals, community engagement and construction, please refer to our Powerlink led easement acquisition service that follows the [Transmission Easement Engagement Process](#).

The following services may be available to proponents who have:

- received a Connection Enquiry response from Powerlink
- submitted a subsequent Connection Application or
- negotiated a commercial agreement with Powerlink to commence preliminary and/or early works.

Aside from the above, it is important for proponents to also understand Powerlink's requirements in safe operating of assets/systems through our [Management of Co-Use Guideline](#).

1. Co-use of Powerlink land

After some initial consultation to understand your project proposal, our Property team will make a technical assessment with project information that you have supplied to determine specific requirements for co-use of Powerlink land. There may be an initial 'in-principle' approval that will allow you to seek your required external approvals (Development Approval, Environmental Approval, Related Matters etc), with the caveat that more detailed design information will be provided when this becomes available.

Some of the criteria that your project will be assessed against:

- any existing leases or licenses
- known or proposed future works
- clearances to existing infrastructure and
- the ability for Powerlink to access existing infrastructure.

These scenarios are not exhaustive and will be undertaken on a case-by-case basis.

2. Standard Access and Investigation Licence

In some instances, a proponent will need more information to submit their project proposal to their stakeholders. To facilitate on-site land studies (for example surveying, Cultural Heritage walkthrough and geotechnical studies), or any other access requirements, Powerlink provides the customer with the ability to investigate the site for suitability to construct the proposed renewable energy project. The proponent will work under Powerlink's Standard Access and Investigation Licence with the Property team to allow ongoing access and permitted activities on Powerlink owned land. The Standard Access and Investigation Licence will stipulate associated conditions of entry and additional restrictions or requirements may be added, depending on the nature of the proposed activities. Advanced notice should be planned with our Property team at each site access request.

Fees

A minimum fee of \$10,000 + GST may be applied to grant a 6-month Standard Access and Investigation License. The applied fee is based on effort to service the scope of your project and provided with Standard Terms and Conditions.

Construction activities are not permitted under this licence.

3. Granting of easement over Powerlink Land

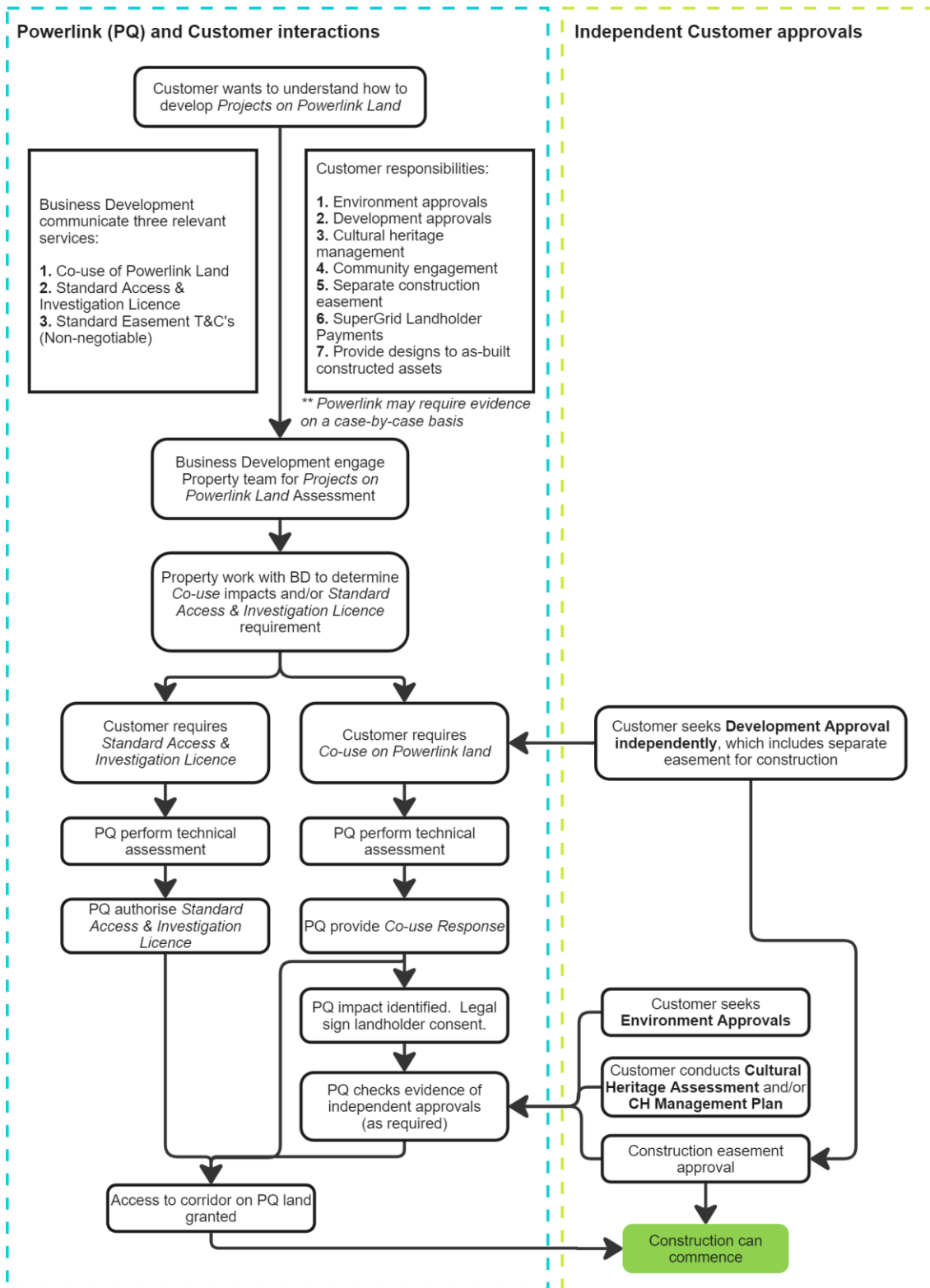
For eligible projects, the proponent will be granted an easement over Powerlink owned land to construct their transmission line. This will be undertaken under Powerlink Standard Terms and Conditions, which will allow the proponent to construct, operate and maintain their transmission line for the life of the asset. There is a requirement for the easement to be in place prior to construction and there will be compensation payable from the proponent to Powerlink for easement in line with the [SuperGrid Landholder Payment Framework](#).

Customer responsibilities when developing Projects on Powerlink land

The following are customer responsibilities when developing projects that impact Powerlink land. Powerlink may require evidence of approvals on a case-by-case basis and may provide recommendations to mitigate identified risks. These include but are not limited to:

- Acquisition of separate easements for construction
- Provide as built drawings for constructed assets
- Compensation in line with [SuperGrid Landholder Payment Framework](#)
- Seek and show adequate evidence of Environment approvals
- Seek and show adequate evidence of Development approvals
- Show evidence of independent Cultural Heritage Assessment and Management
- Evidence of Community and Stakeholder Engagement

Process of engagement



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