

COMMUNITY NOTICE | AUGUST 2024 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.

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. Powerlink holds an easement along the entire length of the underground cables.

Recent inspections identified a requirement for the following essential works in the White Rock area:

- Refurbishment works at the joint bay site located on the perimeter of the Trinity Anglican School property, adjacent to Sheehy Road
- Vegetation management and selected tree removal along the underground cable easement.

The refurbishment works at the joint bay site will not affect your power supply.



WORKS UPDATE

Joint bay refurbishment works

Refurbishment works at the joint bay site started in early July 2024 and will be completed by **Friday 16 August 2024.**

Following the completion of the refurbishment works, crews will demobilise and rehabilitation activities will be undertaken to reinstate the site.

The joint bay site will be reinstated by late August 2024.

Vegetation management activities

Vegetation management and selected tree removal along the underground cable easement was completed in late June 2024.

We recognise removing trees has an impact and have been working with Cairns Regional Council to plan for the planting of new street trees along Sheehy Road in White Rock.

The street tree planting works are scheduled for mid to late August 2024.

Easement restoration works are scheduled to start in **mid September 2024**. This will involve replanting near the joint bay site with compatible species that will not impact on the underground cables or the easement in their mature state.



FURTHER INFORMATION

Powerlink is committed to keeping you informed about our activities. If you would like any further information, please contact our project team on 07 4034 7600 or at fngprojects@powerlink.com.au.

Powerlink thanks you for your patience while we undertake this important work.

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