

**Question on Notice
No. 1259
Asked on Thursday, 12 October 2023**

MRS D FRECKLINGTON ASKED MINISTER FOR ENERGY, RENEWABLES AND HYDROGEN AND MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND PROCUREMENT (HON M DE BRENNI)

With reference to the proposed Woolooga Transmission Corridor for the proposed Borumba Hydro Project—

Will the Minister clarify (a) whether all property owners within the current 1km corridor including within the proposed diversion route have been contacted by Powerlink and (b) if yes, when was this completed by, and if not, what efforts are being undertaken to advise all the property owners of the proposed route?

ANSWER

Powerlink advise it has undertaken a comprehensive consultation process with potentially affected landholders and stakeholders along the Borumba to Woolooga transmission line corridor. This has been ongoing since the release of the draft corridor in April 2023 and with newly impacted landholders in the deviation since its announcement in August 2023.

As part of this process, Powerlink has contacted all landholders within the corridor, including those within the proposed deviation, by phone, email, letter, or registered post, depending on the availability of the contact details.

In addition to attempting direct contact with landholders, Powerlink has used print, TV and radio media outlets, local Councillors and their Council, social media and the Stakeholder Reference Groups associated with this project to promote opportunities for feedback.

Powerlink welcomes input from all landholders and stakeholders along the proposed corridor and will consider their views in identifying a final corridor.

Since December 2021, Powerlink has shared information and gathered feedback for the Borumba Pumped Hydro Project transmission connections (regarding both the Borumba to Halys and Borumba to Woolooga transmission lines) via:

- 44 community information drop-in sessions, attended by more than 2,100 residents
- 5,757 project update emails and 8,615 letters sent to landholders
- more than 581 digital and hardcopy feedback forms received
- 1,127 comments received and responded to via Powerlink's online interactive map
- phone calls and emails with landholders
- meetings with local community groups and landholders
- letterbox drops across the wider community in the South Burnett and Somerset areas
- briefings with Stakeholder Reference Groups, Traditional Owners representatives, state and local government officials, and representatives from a number of state government departments
- selective site visits with Traditional Owner representatives
- social media channels, and advertisements in local newspapers and other publications, and radio stations
- more than 21,536 visits to the project webpage (<https://www.powerlink.com.au/projects/borumba-pumped-hydro-project-transmission-connections>)