

Question on Notice
No. 80
Asked on Thursday, 23 February 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 current consideration by the government for new transmission lines to connect the proposed Borumba Hydro Project to the Woolooga and Tarong/Halys Substations—

Will the Minister clarify if the preference for placement of these corridors is on state owned land, or private land?

ANSWER

Powerlink, a government owned network service provider, is responsible for identifying and recommending transmission corridors, including:

- conducting community and stakeholder consultation
- undertaking preliminary designs
- progressing environmental and development approval assessments
- determining optimal location for preferred transmission corridors.

In determining the optimal location for transmission lines for the Borumba Pumped Hydro Energy Storage (PHES) project, Powerlink will consider various factors, including environmental approvals, maintenance access, technical considerations, social impact, land use, public safety and any relevant legislation, policies, and planning instruments that apply to the area.

These factors will be assessed in balance to identify the best location for each transmission line, including consideration of the use of State land.