

Question on Notice
No. 930
Asked on Wednesday, 23 August 2023

MR P WEIR ASKED MINISTER FOR ENERGY, RENEWABLES AND HYDROGEN AND MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND PROCUREMENT (HON M DE BRENNI)

With reference to the Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan announcement—

Will the Minister advise (a) how many kilometres of transmission lines does Powerlink foresee as part of this plan and (b) what is the current cost estimate for this transmission infrastructure?

ANSWER

The Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan, when launched, included over 1500 kilometres of SuperGrid backbone connecting renewables rich areas with the people of Queensland.

Since the launch of the Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan, the Queensland Government has taken over the CopperString project and committed to build the connection to the North West Minerals Province, providing greater access to our vast critical minerals reserves.

The inclusion of CopperString 2032 takes the transmission build to over 2000 kilometres.

Powerlink is currently undertaking detailed design work for this transmission build and is engaging with the community to ensure the interests of the community are balanced with the need for the infrastructure.

Powerlink will determine the efficient costings for this infrastructure once it has worked through relevant design, planning and contracting processes, and engaged with the community, equipment suppliers and building contractors.

The Queensland Government is focussed on a sustainable infrastructure build that is prudent and efficient and meets the long term needs of current and future Queenslanders.