

State Significant Biodiversity Values for QBOP
Yuleba North Substation

Details of project:

- SE corner of Lot 1CP908592

Preliminary QBOP Assessment:

A preliminary assessment was carried out to identify State Significant Biodiversity Values (SSBVs) under the Queensland Biodiversity Offset Policy (QBOP) for this project. The assessment was carried out using the soils, elevation, hydrology and SCL (Figure 4) map on page 27 of the Draft EIS and eye-balling it on-screen. This is therefore only a draft assessment, as shape files for the actual impact area/s were not available.

There are no potential SSBVs identified for the development area.

There is possibly an area of overall medium AquaScore in the GBR ACA (riverine).

Final QBOP Assessment:

An assessment was carried out to identify State Significant Biodiversity Values (SSBVs) under the Queensland Biodiversity Offset Policy (QBOP) for this project. The assessment was carried out using the whole of Lot 6RP227971 as the 'impact area'.

The need for a QBOP assessment may have been triggered by the presence of various State Significant Biodiversity Values (SSBVs) within 500m of the property boundary. These include remnant vegetation containing Endangered regional ecosystems and Endangered High Value Regrowth vegetation, but the connectivity requirement for a QBOP requirement is not triggered due to the general cleared vegetation status of this property and its surrounds.

Regional Ecosystems	Trigger	Approximate Ha
Remnant Endangered regional ecosystems	Nil	N/a
Remnant Of Concern regional ecosystems	Nil	N/a
High Value Regrowth Endangered regional ecosystems	Nil	N/a
High Value Regrowth Of Concern regional ecosystems	Nil	N/a
Threshold regional ecosystems	Nil	N/a

Critically limited regional ecosystems	Nil	N/a
Remnant Endangered or Of Concern Grassland regional ecosystems	Nil	N/a
Essential Habitat		
Essential habitat	Nil	N/a
Essential regrowth habitat	Nil	N/a
Wetlands		
Wetland (<i>Vegetation Management Act 1999</i>)	Nil	N/a
Significant wetland (<i>Vegetation Management Act 1999</i>)	Nil	N/a
Watercourses		
Watercourses	Possibly one stream order 1 overlaps with the proposed substation site – checked this and does not overlap with impact area.	-
Connectivity		
Connectivity	Nil	N/a
Protected Animals		
Protected animals	Nil	N/a
Protected Plants		
Protected plants	Nil	N/a
Notes	<p>PMAV (Cat X) over SE cnr of Lot. ACA (GBR): Possible overall medium AquaScore over SE corner of Lot, checked this and there is no overlap. BPA – Nil.</p>	

Assessment completed: 05/04/2013

Assessor: Clare Davies

3rd May 2013

No comments received from Jeff Hayter – assumed it was a nil comments response.

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8th April 2013

Yuleba North Substation Project
Draft EIS review and QBOP assessment

Draft EIS report:

There are no mapped Regional Ecosystems or High Value Regrowth on the proposed Yuleba North Substation site.

The SE corner of Lot 1CP908592, the site for the proposed Yuleba North Substation Substation is completely cleared of native vegetation and there will likely be no potential impacts on fauna of conservation significance.

The proposed development site has been previously cleared.

Overall there are nil comments from a Biodiversity perspective (as well as a Biodiversity Offset Policy perspective).

Overall EHP (Biodiversity) has nil comment.

QBOP assessment:

There were no potential SSBVs identified for the proposed substation site.

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Environment and
Heritage Protection

Your Ref: 42/16677/11

8 April 2013

Ms Amanda Smedley
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Dear Ms Smedley,

**Ministerial Designation of land for Community Infrastructure
Proposed Wandoan South to Eurombah Transmission Network Project – Yuleba North
Substation Project – Powerlink Queensland
Draft Environmental Impact Statement**

I refer to your letters of 25 March 2013 requesting comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Powerlink Queensland's Yuleba North Substation Project.

The Department of Environmental and Heritage Protection (EHP) has reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for this project. The Department is generally satisfied that due consideration has been given to the relevant State interests.

EHP has no comments on the relevant sections of the Draft EIS, so there are no issues that would preclude the Ministerial Designation process from proceeding for this project.

Should you have any queries with our response, please contact Clare Davies on 07 4529 1248 or Wes Davidson on 07 4529 1247.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Dr Lundie-Jenkins

**Proposed Wandoan South to Eurombah Transmission Network Project –
Yuleba North Substation**

Draft Environmental Impact Statement Available for Public Comment

Powerlink Queensland has been requested by Australia Pacific LNG Pty Limited (APLNG) to provide high voltage connections from Powerlink's transmission network to APLNG's future gas processing facilities in the area west of Wandoan. To meet this request, Powerlink is proposing to extend its transmission network in the area via three sections:

- Section 1:
 - Yuleba North Substation Project (the subject of this letter)
 - Wandoan South to Yuleba North Transmission Line Project
- Section 2:
 - Clifford Creek and Dinoun South Substations Project
 - Yuleba North to Clifford Creek and Yuleba North to Dinoun South Transmission Lines Project
- Section 3:
 - Eurombah Substation Project
 - Yuleba North to Eurombah Transmission Line Project

Powerlink divided the project into three sections to ensure landowners and other stakeholders receive information and can provide comment on matters that are relevant to them.

GHD Pty Ltd (GHD), an environmental specialist, has been appointed by Powerlink to undertake the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process for the Yuleba North Substation. As part of the EIA process, GHD has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed substation. This document provides information about aspects of the proposed substation (including social, environmental, cultural and economic matters). The Draft EIS also includes a Draft Environmental Management Plan (EMP) which identifies ways to manage and/or mitigate any potential impacts.

Release



Making a submission

The Draft EIS is now available for public comment and is included on the enclosed CD. Hard copies of the Draft EIS can be viewed at the following libraries from Thursday, 28 March 2013:

- Western Downs Regional Council library in Wandoan; and
- Maranoa Regional Council library in Roma.

Written submissions on the Draft EIS are invited from landowners, stakeholders and the general public. Submissions must be received by GHD **before 5pm on Friday, 3 May 2013.**

Written submissions are to be sent to:

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A Fact Sheet which provides further details about the Draft EIS and how to make a submission is enclosed. If you have any further questions about the Draft EIS or making a submission, please contact myself on the contact details provided or phone Powerlink on FREECALL 1800 635 369 (during business hours).

Following the submission period, GHD will review and consider the submissions received. If appropriate, additional research will be conducted, with the results provided in the Final EIS. GHD will provide submitters with a response to the comments made which are included as part of the Final EIS.

We would also like to advise that Draft EIS documents are currently being prepared for the other projects mentioned in this letter. If you would like further details about the timing of those documents, please visit the Powerlink website (www.powerlink.com.au – go to 'Projects/Southern/Wandoan South to Eurombah').

Sincerely
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Attachment: Fact Sheet – 'How to make a submission'

Attachment: GHD Draft EIS (on CD)