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Coordinator-General

Our ref: DGBN26/116

9 March 2026

Ms Kerrie Brown
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Dear Ms Brown

Request for consent for lodgement of a SDA application in the Callide Infrastructure Corridor State Development Area

I refer to your email request dated 5 March 2026 requesting consent for lodgement of a State Development Area (SDA) application with the Office of the Coordinator-General over the following lots located in the Callide Infrastructure Corridor State Development Area:

Lot details	**Coordinator-General Easement**
Lot 479 on CL40215	Easement F on SP239318 (Emt in Gross 714249689)
Lot 12 on CTN301	Easement AM on SP239334 (Emt in Gross 714249989)
Lot 13 on CTN301	Easement AN on SP239334 (Emt in Gross 714249988)

The Coordinator-General has requested that I respond on his behalf.

The proposed SDA application is for a material change of use for major electricity infrastructure for Powerlink's Calvale to Calliope River Transmission Line Reinforcement Project.

As delegate of the Coordinator-General, the registered easement holder over the lots specified above, I consent to the lodgement of the abovementioned SDA application.

By consenting to the lodgement of the application, the Coordinator-General does not:

- waive any of the Coordinator-General's rights as owner of the land under any law, or
- give or warrant any representation that the Coordinator-General, State of Queensland, or any other person has granted or will grant the proponent or any other person rights to occupy or use any part of the land in future.

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Furthermore, nothing in this letter:

- restricts or fetters the exercise by the Coordinator-General, the State of Queensland, or any other relevant authority of any rights, powers or discretions, or any planning, resumptive or other regulatory power, or
- acts as an estoppel, warranty or representation or creates an agreement of any kind.

This consent is valid for a period of six months from the date of this letter.

If you require any further information, please contact Ms Wendy Paton, Principal Project Officer, Office of the Coordinator-General, on (07) 3452 7549 or wendy.paton@coordinatorgeneral.qld.gov.au, who will be pleased to assist.

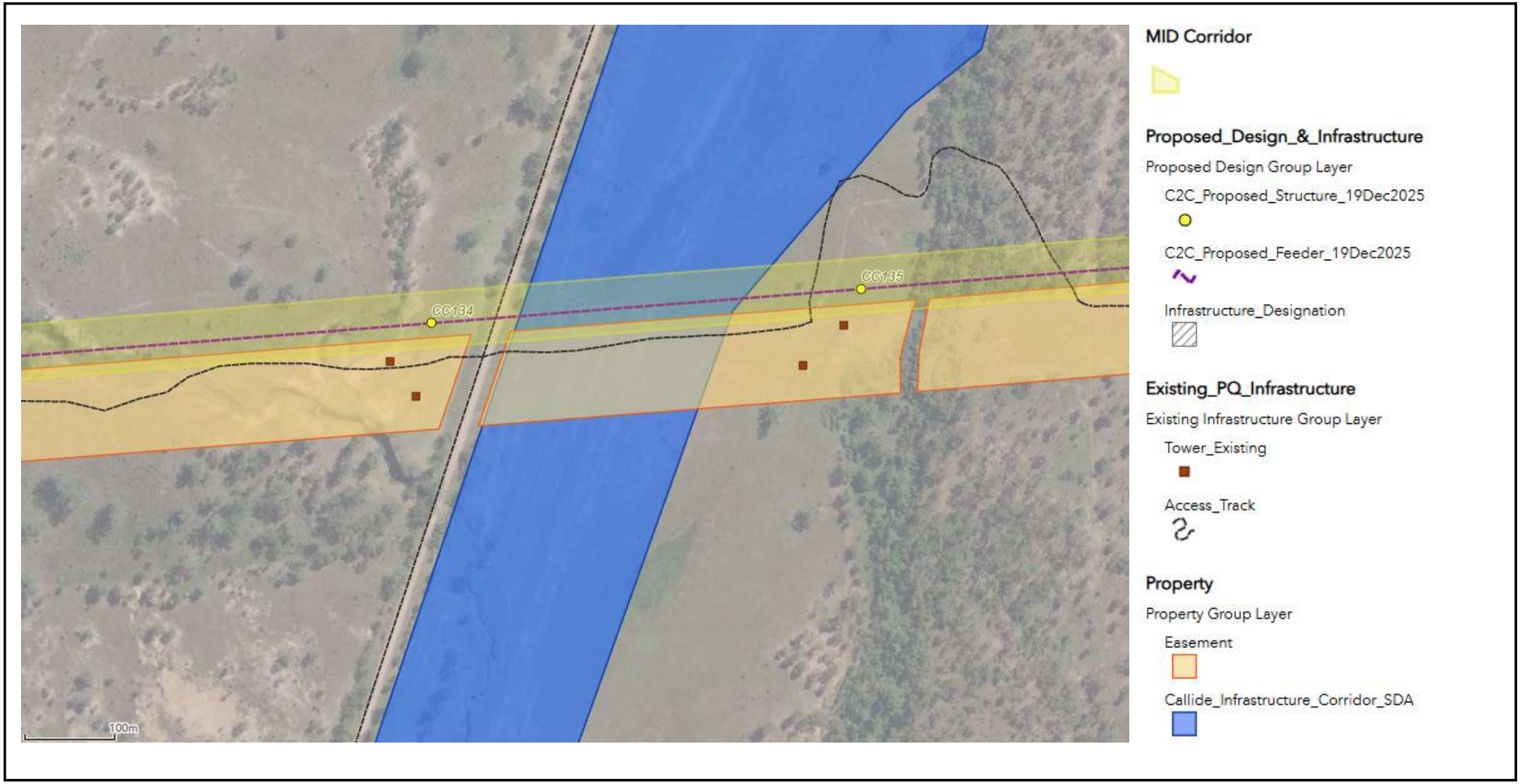
Yours sincerely



Krystal Baker
Executive Director
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(as delegate of the Coordinator-General)

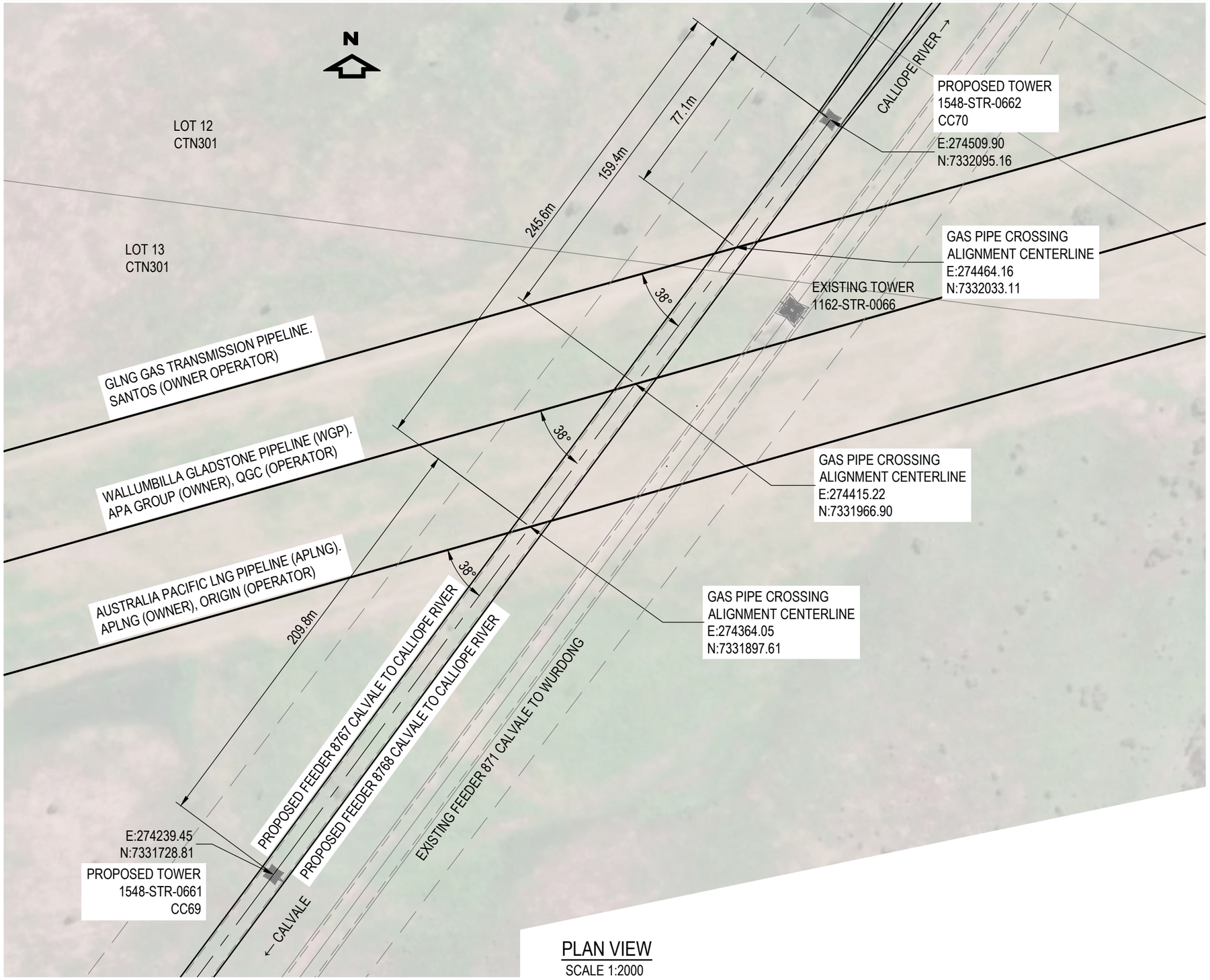


Calvale to Calliope River Transmission Line Reinforcement Project
Callide Infrastructure Corridor SDA – Lots 12 & 13 on CTN301



Calvale to Calliope River Transmission Line Reinforcement Project
Callide Infrastructure Corridor SDA – Lot 479 on CL40215

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CALVALE TO CALLIOPE RIVER
275kV DOUBLE CIRCUIT TRANSMISSION LINE
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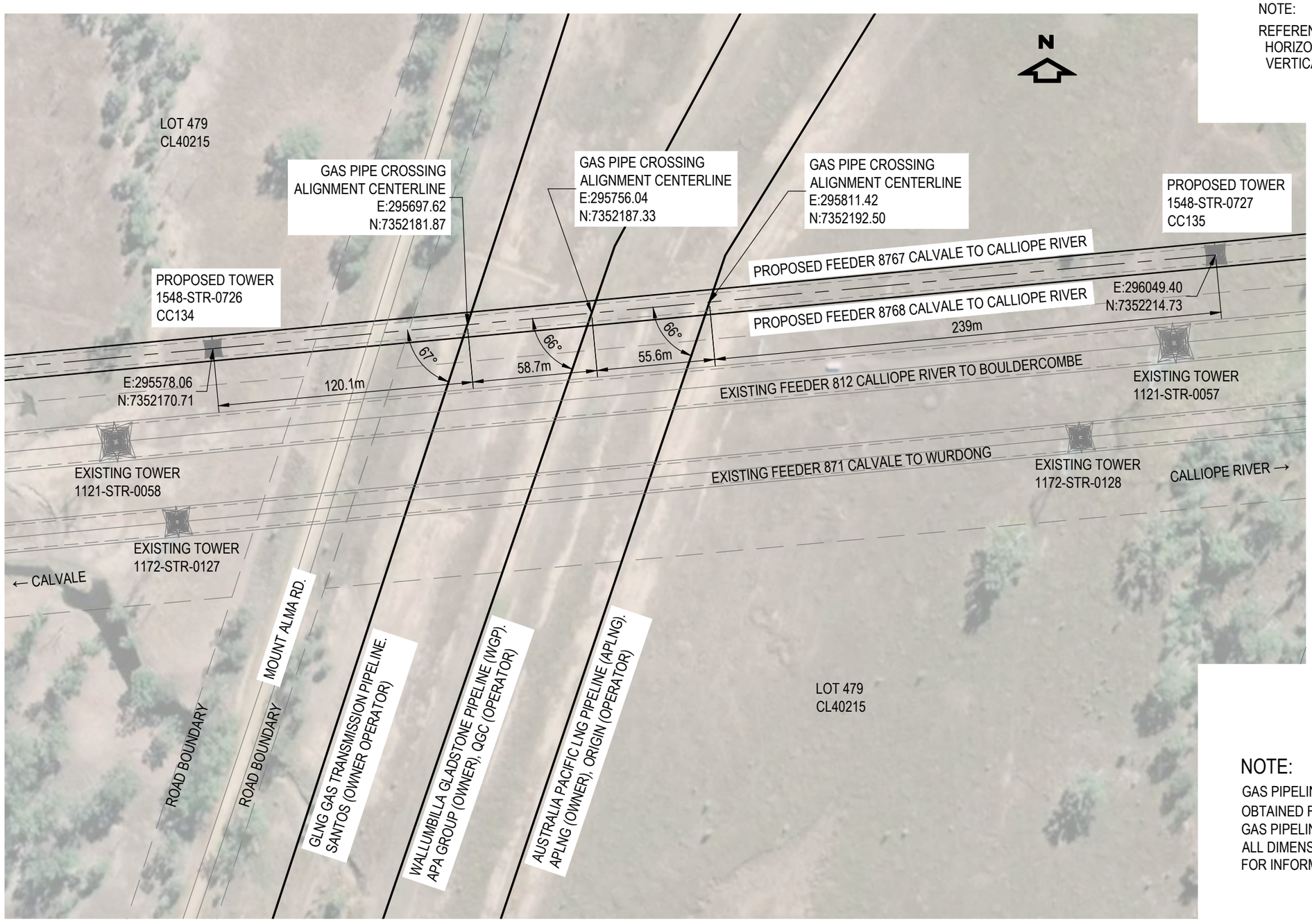
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Objectives of the Callide Infrastructure Corridor SDA Development Scheme	Response
Objective	
(1) Provide, manage and plan land for the establishment of an efficient and effective infrastructure corridor of regional, state and national significance for co-located underground pipelines (principally for the transportation of gas) between Callide and the GSDA, to facilitate economic development.	The Project is planned and designed to be compatible with the primary purpose of the CICSDA as a strategic infrastructure corridor of regional, state and national significance. While the Project is electricity transmission infrastructure, rather than underground gas pipelines, it has been located and designed to avoid constraining the future establishment, expansion or operation of co-located underground pipelines between Callide and the GSDA. Corridor planning has had regard to existing and future pipeline alignments, maintaining sufficient separation distances and ensuring that the Project does not sterilise land required for gas transmission or other nationally significant linear infrastructure. This approach supports broader economic development objectives by preserving the corridor's long-term multi-utility function.
(2) Ensure the integrity and functionality of the CICSDA is maintained and protected from land uses and activities that may be incompatible with, or adversely affect, the continued use of the State development area for co-located underground pipelines (principally for the transportation of gas) of regional, state and national significance.	The Project ensures that the integrity and functionality of the CICSDA are maintained by avoiding land uses and activities that would be incompatible with, or adversely affect, the continued use of the corridor for underground gas pipelines. The linear nature of the Project, combined with its predominantly co-located alignment within existing infrastructure corridors, ensures that access, maintenance, safety and future augmentation of pipeline infrastructure are not compromised. Construction and operational controls further minimise the risk of adverse interaction with existing or future pipeline assets.
(3) Protection of the CICSDA to ensure the land resource is effectively utilised and uses are appropriately sited such that infrastructure, and distances between infrastructure, does not consume land unnecessarily or compromise future use and ensures the long-term viability of infrastructure within the CICSDA.	The Project protects the CICSDA by ensuring land resources are efficiently utilised and that infrastructure is appropriately sited so as not to consume land unnecessarily or compromise future corridor use. The design avoids excessive corridor widening, unnecessary separation distances and fragmented infrastructure layouts. By consolidating infrastructure within an established corridor and limiting additional land take, the Project supports the long-term viability of infrastructure within the CICSDA and preserves capacity for future pipeline development.
(4) Ensure the impacts of land use minimises operational impediments on existing infrastructure and surrounding uses and provides orderly development of infrastructure within the CICSDA.	The Project minimises operational impediments on existing infrastructure and surrounding uses through careful alignment selection, design refinement and construction management. Orderly development within the CICSDA is achieved by maintaining clear access arrangements, managing construction interfaces, and avoiding land use conflicts that could hinder current or future infrastructure operations. This coordinated approach ensures the Project integrates seamlessly with existing corridor functions while supporting safe and efficient long-term operation.
(5) Ensure locations for infrastructure, other than gas transportation infrastructure, to intersect the CICSDA are minimised and rationalised.	The Project has been planned to ensure that intersections with the CICSDA are minimised and rationalised. Where intersections are unavoidable, they are designed to be efficient, consolidated and located to minimise cumulative impacts on corridor

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	functionality. The Project does not introduce unnecessary cross-corridor infrastructure and avoids creating additional constraints on pipeline siting, construction or operation.
(6) Ensure the physical characteristics of land are considered in determining the suitability and location of land uses.	The physical characteristics of land within the CICSDA have been explicitly considered in determining the suitability and location of the Project. Factors including topography, geotechnical conditions, flooding, existing infrastructure, and constructability constraints have informed alignment selection and design. This ensures infrastructure is sited in locations that are technically feasible, resilient and compatible with both current corridor functions and future infrastructure needs.
(7) Ensure land use recognises and appropriately addresses environmental, cultural heritage and community values.	The Project recognises and appropriately addresses environmental, cultural heritage and community values within and adjacent to the CICSDA. Environmental values are addressed through the EPBC Act and MID assessment pathways, supported by an Environment Assessment Plan (EAP) and Environmental Assessment Report (EAR) respectively. These reports include site selection and avoidance of impacts to Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES), Matters of State Environmental Significance (MSES), plus habitat and impact assessment planning. The Project's environmental annexure identifies required approvals and management instruments, including protected area authority under the Nature Conservation framework, protected plants permits, a High Risk Species Management Program, and project Environmental Management Plan (EMP)/Environmental Work Plan (EWP) documentation. Together, these controls support the avoidance-first approach, minimisation of vegetation clearing, protection of waterways and sensitive habitats, and establishment of rehabilitation and offset measures where required under EPBC Act and state frameworks. Cultural heritage is being managed through a project-specific Cultural Heritage Implementation Document (CHID), which records that cultural heritage surveys were undertaken with Traditional Owner field officers over portions of the project area. This provides a structured basis to identify and manage Indigenous cultural heritage values and implement avoidance/minimisation measures during detailed design and construction. Community values are addressed through the project's engagement planning, including a dedicated Project Engagement Plan for the construction phase that identifies stakeholders, social/reputational risks, and engagement activities to manage impacts to the community. Further detail regarding the Project's consideration of environmental, cultural heritage and community values is included in the MID Documentation package submitted as part of this SDA application.

The following tables provide a summary of the matters raised in the State agency review and public consultation stages of the MID process, along with Powerlink's response identifying how each matter will be adequately addressed.

Table 1: Response to State Agency Review

Item	Request for Information	Response
Office of the Coordinator General (OCG)		
1.	Clarify whether the easement in Section C is being widened in the Gladstone SDA and the extent of the proposed widening.	The existing easement will be widened by an additional 40 metres for the entire length of Section C (which intersects the Gladstone SDA). Assessment against the relevant parts of the development scheme has been provided in the SDA application.
Department of Natural Resources, Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development (DNRMMRRD)		
2.	Update the Ecological Assessment Report (EAR) to more clearly quantify impacts to regulated vegetation. The impacts should be broken down into vegetation category, regional ecosystem and, for essential habitat, each species.	The EAR will be updated to quantify the impacts to regulated vegetation broken down by vegetation category and Regional Ecosystem (RE). Given the data attributes that inform the State's Regulated Vegetation Management Map are not available, breaking down the impacts within essential habitat for each species by hectare value is not achievable. Essential habitat species occurring within each lot will be provided in the updated EAR.
3.	Update the EAR to clarify and exclude areas of vegetation that the Vegetation Management Act 1999 (VM Act) does not apply.	The updated EAR will distinguish the clearing of vegetation under the VM Act from clearing Mangroves and other areas such as State Forests and National Parks. The clarification will be applied to regulated vegetation, defined distance of a watercourse, Endangered and Of Concern RE and essential habitat calculations. Please note that the Project's design has undergone minor refinements since the lodgement of the MID, and as such the impact calculations have been updated to reflect the latest disturbance footprint.
4.	Provide further information to verify ground-truth data.	The updated EAR will provide the requested ground truth vegetation survey data.

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5.	The EAR should be updated to provide a significant residual impact (SRI) assessment on essential habitat for each individual species.	Correspondence received from the MID team via email on 2 February 2026 confirmed that SRIs for individual species are not required, consistent with the SRI Guideline that is administered under the Planning Act 2016 (Planning Act). https://dsdmipprd.blob.core.windows.net/general/dsdip-significant-residual-impact-guideline.pdf
6.	Provide a land-based outcome in accordance with Appendix 12: Better Environmental Outcome (BEO) of the Guide to State Development Assessment Provisions – State Code 16	Correspondence received from the MID team via email on 2 February 2026 confirmed that a land-based outcome under a BEO is not required for vegetation clearing that is authorised under a MID.
Department of Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation (DETSI)		
7.	Provide detailed site plans and GIS files of the development footprint and location of MSES.	All relevant figure sets in the EAR will be amended to show a scale of 1:20,000 to provide sufficient detail. Relevant GIS data will be provided as a separate attachment to our submission.
8.	Provide a detailed description of the impact of construction and ongoing operation on all MSES.	The updated EAR will provide detailed description of the Project's construction phase impacts to MSES, and impacts associated with the operations and maintenance phase of the Project
9.	Provide a detailed description of the mitigation measures proposed to prevent or minimise the impacts of construction and ongoing operation on all MSES.	The updated EAR will detail additional avoidance, minimisation and mitigation measures to prevent and minimise impacts to MSES. Further, it will include a prescribed MSES Mitigation Action Plan detailing the specific management actions and how they will be implemented (including timing, responsible party, monitoring and corrective actions). Please note that this mitigation approach has been accepted by DCCEEW as part of their adequacy review of the Draft Public Environment Report (PER) under the EPBC Act. The Draft PER is on public exhibition until Wednesday 11 March 2026

Item	Request for Information	Response
		Further, the species referenced in the MID RFI are listed under both the EPBC Act and the Nature Conservation Act 1992 (NC Act). Species impacted by the Project that are only listed within the NC Act are found in habitat or have similar requirements to the EPBC Act listed species impacted by the Project. Therefore, impacts and mitigations that will be detailed in the updated EAR also apply to NC Act only listed species.
10.	Update the Surface Water Impact Assessment (SWIA) to provide site plans and detailed descriptions of infrastructure proposed to cross watercourse, wetland and associated riparian zone and the associated impacts and mitigation measures.	Infrastructure proposed to cross a watercourse (waterway barrier works) will be undertaken in accordance with the Accepted development requirements for operational works that is constructing or raising waterway barrier works (ADR). If compliance with the ADR cannot be achieved, a separate development application for operational works will be lodged for approval once the detailed design of waterways crossings is available.
11.	Provide copy of the application documents and assessment reports for the previously approved infrastructure designations.	Assessment and approval documentation for historic infrastructure designations is not available.
12.	If towers are located within State coastal land, provide engineering plans to show location and extent of works.	Engineering plans will be provided that detail the location of towers and the extent of works within State coastal land.
13.	Provide location and engineering plans for erosion control structures required for tower bases in the Coastal Management District.	Engineering plans will be provided for the tower bases that are located in the Coastal Management District which detail their design including erosion control structures.

Table 2: Response to Public Consultation Submissions

Item	Matter Raised	Response
SUB-001 – Economic Development Queensland (EDQ)		
1.	Site access #9 should be used as the permanent access point instead of #8 as its purpose is unclear.	Site access #8 (Koncina Rd) is an existing track used by Powerlink to access an existing easement nearby the Project and will remain as an alternate option for early investigations and light traffic. However, the main access point for construction in the relevant area of the project near EDQ land is intended to be site access #9 (Bruce Highway). It is noted that Powerlink currently has an application with the Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) to upgrade site access #9.
2.	Recommendation for Traffic Management Plan (TMP) to be conditioned for lodgement to EDQ.	It is acknowledged that a requirement for the lodgement of a TMP may be imposed on a MID decision.
3.	EDQ seeks confirmation of the locations of site-won quarry materials and formal agreement of the use of borrow puts and other alternative areas on its land.	Powerlink will liaise with EDQ regarding the potential use of identified borrow pits within EDQ land. It is noted that this level of detail is currently unknown and will be confirmed as the Project progresses.
4.	EDQ requests that vegetation clearing on EDQ land is conducted in accordance with relevant regulations and best practice.	The clearing of vegetation will be undertaken in accordance with Powerlink's Environmental Management Plan (EMP), a Project-specific Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP), environmental annexure and relevant vegetation management plans, which will include a range of best practice mitigation and management measures.
SUB-002 – Lester Jackson Boyle		
5.	The existing easement is not intended to accommodate the proposed transmission infrastructure.	The existing easement provides Powerlink the right to construct, operate and maintain works for electricity purposes on the easement land. The MID proposal seeks to designate the land for the purpose of establishing the proposed community supporting infrastructure.

Item	Matter Raised	Response
6.	Concerns regarding biosecurity due to vehicles entering his property using the easement.	Biosecurity will be managed in accordance with Powerlink's EMP, environmental annexure and a Project-specific CEMP which will include a range of best practice mitigation and management measures.
SUB-003 – Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS)		
7.	QPWS advises that the relevant consents and approvals for works within State Forests and Conservation Parks are required for the grant of tenure or interest over this land.	Powerlink have submitted the relevant applications for works within State Forests and Conservation Park with QPWS and are currently working through the final stages of their assessment.
SUB-004 – Central Queensland Power (CQP)		
8.	Submission provided in support of the Project.	Support for the Project is acknowledged.
SUB-005 – Aurizon		
9.	Aurizon advises that a wayleave application must be approved prior to commencement of construction works on Aurizon land or infrastructure.	Powerlink will liaise with Aurizon regarding the required wayleave application(s).
SUB-006 – Gladstone Ports Corporation (GPC)		
10.	GPC requests that further information be provided regarding the proposed tenure arrangements for existing electrical infrastructure on Strategic Port Land (SPL).	Powerlink will liaise with GPC regarding the tenure arrangements for electrical infrastructure on SPL.
11.	GPC advises that Lot 53 SP137048 is subject to an existing Powerlink easement however is owned by GPC and will potentially be utilised as a quarry in the future.	The potential future use of GPC land is acknowledged.
SUB-007 – Gladstone Regional Council		
12.	GRC requests that the Project considers and aligns with the following as part of Project delivery:	Powerlink confirms that appropriate consideration will be given to the referenced priorities and initiatives in Project delivery.

Item	Matter Raised	Response
	• Gladstone Region's Economic Transition Map • Social Infrastructure Investment Priorities • Powerlink's Social Impact Assessment outcomes Local content and supply chain	
13.	GRC requests that the Project completes a pre and post dilapidation survey in accordance with a TMP.	It is acknowledged that a requirement for the lodgement of a TMP may be imposed on a MID decision.

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13 March 2026

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Dear Alyssa,

Callide Infrastructure Corridor State Development Area (CICSDA) Application for the Calvale to Calliope River Transmission Line Reinforcement Project

Powerlink Queensland (Powerlink) is proposing to upgrade an existing transmission infrastructure corridor between Calvale Substation and Calliope River Substation in Central Queensland. The Calvale to Calliope River Transmission Line Reinforcement Project (the Project) comprises a new double-circuit 275 kilovolt (kV) transmission line, proposed to be developed along the existing easement corridor, as well as the expansion of both Calvale Substation and Calliope River Substation.

A portion of the Project occurs on land in the Callide Infrastructure Corridor State Development Area (CICSDA). Specifically, this application pertains to the Project's location on land described in Table 1 below, located within the CICSDA. Each of these lots already benefit from an existing easement for electricity operating works purposes, with widening proposed on one of the lots only.

This SDA application has been prepared in accordance with the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971* (SDPWO Act) and the CICSDA Development Scheme (September 2012). Its purpose is to assist the Office of Coordinator-General (OCG) in their assessment of the Project, to the extent it interacts with the CICSDA. The application material submitted as part of this SDA application includes:

- SDA Application Form (completed online)
- **Appendix A** – Coordinator General Consent
- **Appendix B** – Callide Infrastructure Corridor SDA Project Series Mapping
- **Appendix C** – SDA Gas Pipeline Crossing Design Drawings
- **Appendix D** – Assessment against CICSDA Development Scheme Assessment Criteria
- **Appendix E** – MID response to State Agency Review and Submissions
- Ministerial Infrastructure Designation (MID) Documentation, including technical appendices (separate link provided)

A pre-lodgement meeting between Powerlink and OCG Planning Officers was held on 3 February 2026 in respect of this SDA application. The Coordinator-General approved a full fee waiver of the relevant fee for this SDA application on 24 February 2026.

The purpose of this letter is to provide a consolidated summary of the key information provided in the SDA application and to support the Coordinator-General's consideration that the referral and public consultation stages of the assessment process under the CICSDA Development Scheme do not apply to this SDA application because the development the subject of the application has already been subject to referral and public consultation under the MID process and that information is contained within the material accompanying the application.

1 SDA Application Details

Table 1 below summarises the proponent and application details for this SDA application.

Table 1: Proponent and Applicant Details

Applicant	Powerlink Queensland		
Property Details	Real Property	Coordinator-General Easement	Relationship to Existing Easement
	Lot 12 on CTN301	Easement AM on SP239334 (Emt in Gross 714249989)	Within existing easement
	Lot 13 on CTN301	Easement AN on SP239334 (Emt in Gross 714249988)	Within existing easement
	Lot 479 on CL40215	Easement F on SP239318 (Emt in Gross 714249689)	Easement proposed to be widened
Current Land Use	The portion of the Project within the CICSDA traverses land primarily used for high pressure gas pipelines and is co-located with an existing 275kV transmission corridor		
Aspects of Development	SDA assessable development for a Material Change of Use for major electricity infrastructure		
Assessment Manager	Coordinator-General		
Contact Details	Benjamin Freese Project Approvals Specialist, Powerlink M | 0407 596 400 E | benjamin.freese@powerlink.com.au		

2 Project Background

The Project forms Stage 1 of the Gladstone Project, which is a broader program of critical transmission network reinforcements to support electricity reliability, industrial load growth and energy transition outcomes in Central Queensland. The broader Gladstone Project is of critical importance to both State and Commonwealth government agendas relating to investment for the Central Queensland region, as well as decarbonisation and on-grid renewable electricity commitments.

The Project comprises:

- Construction of a new 275kV double-circuit transmission line between the existing Calvale Substation (near Callide Power Station) and the Calliope River Substation (near Gladstone);
- Predominant co-location of the new transmission line within or adjacent to existing Powerlink easements;
- Localised easement widening in discrete sections where required to accommodate the infrastructure, including 40 metres of widening in Lot 479 on CL40215 within the CICSDA; and
- Associated works at the Calvale and Calliope River substations, including substation expansion and provision for future network equipment.

The overall transmission line is approximately 87 kilometres in length, however, the linear nature of the CICSDA results in only approximately 600 metres of overhead line that interacts with land in the CICSDA. The potential impact to land and infrastructure within the CICSDA is further minimised, noting that the Project:

- Does not propose any towers or other permanent structures within CICSDA land;
- Involves only overhead transmission lines, with a minimum ground clearance of approximately 10 metres between Towers CC69 and CC70 and 17 metres between Towers CC134 and CC135; and
- Relies on established access tracks for the purposes of construction and ongoing access purposes.

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Refer to Figures 1-3 below and the series mapping within **Appendix B** for further detail of the Project's interaction with CICSDA land. Detailed design drawings showing the proposed transmission corridor in relation to the existing gas pipelines are included at **Appendix C**. It is noted that Powerlink is actively engaging with each of the relevant gas pipeline owners and operators regarding the proposed crossings and will ensure that any issues or request items around particular engineering standards, hazard assessments and safety considerations are appropriately addressed throughout construction of the Project. It is anticipated that such requirements may be reflected in the Coordinator-General's decision on the SDA application, specifically by way of conditions of approval.

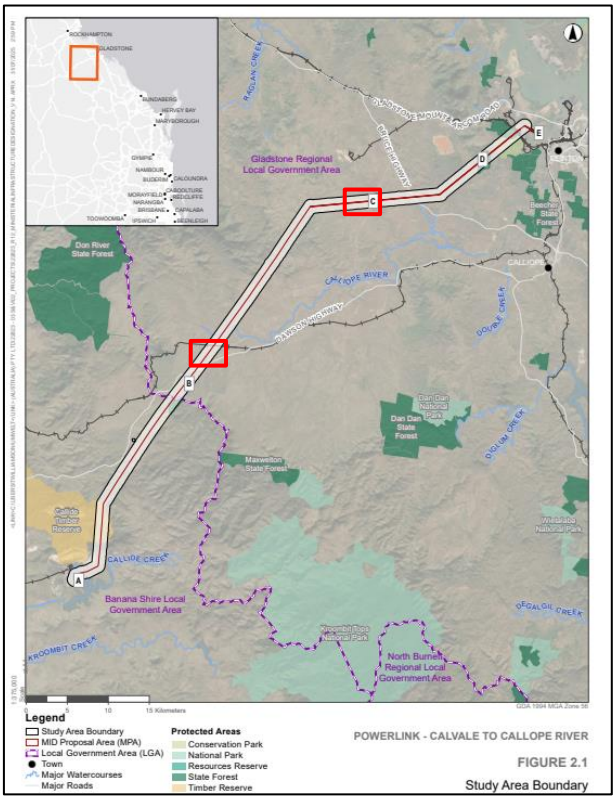


Figure 1: Calvale to Calliope River Transmission Line Reinforcement Project

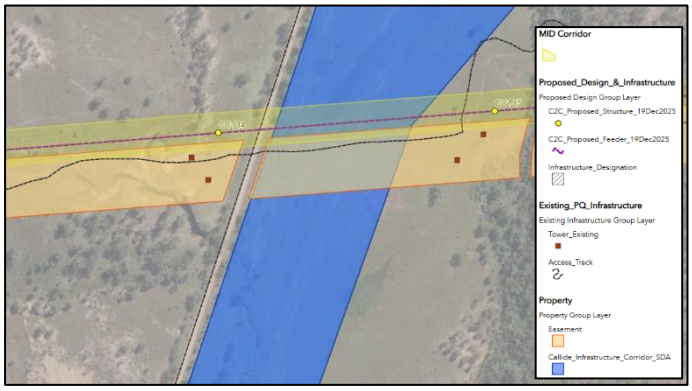


Figure 2: Project alignment through Lots 12 & 13 on CTN301



Figure 3: Project alignment through Lot 479 on CL40215

3 Assessment Against the Callide Infrastructure Corridor SDA Development Scheme

The CICSDA Development Scheme establishes a set of Objectives for the assessment of development within the CICSDA. At a broad level, it is noted the Project complies with these Objectives. The Project forms part of a co-ordinated, State-led transmission reinforcement program for the Central Queensland region that will support reliable supply of electricity to established and future heavy industry customers. Being co-located with an existing transmission corridor, the Project minimises additional land take, avoids locating towers or permanent structures on CICSDA land and rationalises crossings of the principal land use within the CICSDA, being underground, high pressure gas pipelines.

The Project includes localised easement widening in discrete sections where required to accommodate the infrastructure, including 40 metres of widening in Lot 479 on CL40215 within the CICSDA. This widening is required as there is no available space in the existing easement for the new transmission line. The widened easement is proposed to be on the north side of the existing transmission easement, as it reduces the level of interaction required for crossing existing transmission infrastructure and minimises the risk of complex outages on Powerlink's transmission network.

A detailed assessment of the Project against the Development Scheme's Objectives is provided in **Appendix D**. In addition to the Development Scheme's Objectives, it is noted that a Co-Use Deed exists between the Coordinator-General (as Co-User) and Powerlink in relation to the use of land within the CICSDA. While the Co-Use Deed sits outside the statutory assessment framework of the CICSDA Development Scheme and is not a matter for determination as part of this SDA application, it establishes binding obligations on both Powerlink and the Coordinator-General in respect of the future construction, operation and ongoing use of infrastructure within the corridor. In particular, the Co-Use Deed provides a contractual mechanism to manage interface risks, access arrangements and co-ordination between current and future corridor users, ensuring that Powerlink's transmission infrastructure can coexist with other present and future infrastructure—particularly underground pipelines—without compromising the integrity, safety or long-term functionality of the corridor. The existence of the Co-Use Deed therefore provides an additional, non-statutory layer of assurance that the Project will be delivered and operated in a manner consistent with the strategic intent of the CICSDA, notwithstanding that it is assessed separately from the SDA approval process.

4 Relationship to Ministerial Infrastructure Designation and Environmental Approval

Powerlink is currently progressing a MID proposal for the Project with the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning (DSDIP). MIDs are administered under the *Planning Act 2016* and are Powerlink's preferred planning approval pathway for large-scale linear infrastructure projects, as they allow a single, co-ordinated assessment and decision process.

As part of the MID process the Project, including those parts within the CICSDA, has been subject to the following:

- An endorsed consultation strategy which has enabled submissions and feedback from a range of Project stakeholders, including:
    - Directly impacted and adjacent landholders;
    - Traditional Owner groups, including the Gaangulu Nation People and Bailai, Gurang, Gooreng Gooreng, Taribelang Bunda People;
    - Elected Representatives, including Mr Bryson Head (State Member for Callide), Mr Glenn Butcher (State Member for Gladstone), and Mr Colin Bryce (Federal Member for Flynn);
    - Local Councils, including Gladstone Regional Council and Banana Shire Council;
    - Aviation safety bodies, including the Civil Aviation Safety Authority and Gladstone Airport Corporation;
    - High pressure gas pipeline operators, including Santos, Jemena, APA Group, Origin, ConocoPhillips and Sinopec; and
    - The wider community and general public.

- Formal preliminary stakeholder engagement (June – July 2024) and public consultation (November – December 2025) processes; and
- Referral to State agencies, notably, the Office of the Coordinator-General, the Department of Transport and Main Roads, the Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation, the Department of Natural Resources, Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development and the Department of Primary Industries. It is noted that these agencies would typically be referral agencies to this SDA application had recent referral under the MID not been carried out.

The MID is currently in the final stages of assessment, with a comprehensive response to the State agencies' information request items and matters raised in public submissions currently being finalised for submission. A complete MID package, including the technical appendices relied on for the purposes of this SDA application, has been provided in a separate link. In responding to the information request items and public submissions, it is noted there has been no significant change to the Project, including its ancillary components, with the response largely providing further clarity around key matters including the clearing of native vegetation, mitigation of impacts to Matters of State Environmental Significance (MSES), extent of localised easement widening, works within coastal land, management of traffic access points and other secondary permit matters.

As noted above, the Project has already been subject to referral and public consultation under the MID process, and the matters raised in both submissions received and the State agency review have been sufficiently addressed. A summary of the matters, along with Powerlink's response identifying how each matter will be adequately addressed, is provided at **Appendix E**. As such, it is considered appropriate for the Coordinator-General to determine that the referral and public consultation stages of the assessment process under the GSDA Development Scheme do not apply to this SDA application.

The Project also requires approval from the Commonwealth Government under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). The EPBC Act is Australia's national environmental law. It is administered by the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) and provides a legal framework to protect and manage nine specific Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES).

In late 2024, Powerlink referred the project to the DCCEEW for assessment. The project was found to be a 'controlled action', meaning that further assessment and approval is required before the project can proceed. Powerlink has since prepared and undertaken consultation on a draft Public Environment Report (PER).

Powerlink will review and respond to submissions through a Submissions Report prepared for DCCEEW, prior to submission of the final PER, which will include a response to issues raised in submissions.

5 Conclusion

Should you require any further information or wish to discuss any matters relating to this SDA application please contact Benjamin Freese, Project Approvals Specialist.

Yours sincerely,



Benjamin Freese
Project Approvals Specialist

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Our ref: DGBN26/160

10 April 2026

Mr Benjamin Freese
Projects Approvals Specialist
Powerlink Queensland
benjamin.freese@powerlink.com.au

Dear Mr Freese

AP2026/003 & AP2026/004 – SDA application for a material change of use for major electricity infrastructure (Calliope to Calvale (C2C) transmission lines) in the Gladstone SDA and SDA application for undefined use (C2C transmission lines) in the Callide Infrastructure Corridor SDA

Receipt of your SDA applications for a material change of use for major electricity infrastructure (C2C transmission lines) in the Gladstone State Development Area (GSDA) (AP2026/003) and a material change of use for an undefined use (C2C transmission lines) in the Callide Infrastructure Corridor State Development Area (CICSDA) (AP2026/004) is acknowledged. AP2026/003 was deemed properly made on 19 March 2026 and AP2026/004 was deemed properly made on 13 March 2026 in accordance with section 84D of the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971.*

In accordance with Schedule 2, Part 2, section 2.7 of the GSDA Development Scheme, and Section 8.2(6)(c) of the CICSDA Development Scheme it has been determined that the referral and public consultation stages of the assessment process do not apply to your application, given the development has already been subject to referral and public consultation under the Ministerial Infrastructure Designation (MID) process in accordance with the *Planning Act 2016*.

If you require any further information, please contact Mr Brendan Mitchell, Principal Project Officer, Office of the Coordinator-General on (07) 3452 7703 or at brendan.mitchell@coordinatorgeneral.qld.gov.au, who will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely

Cameron McLeod
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Industry and Infrastructure Development
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The Coordinator-General

State development areas: Application and request form

Before you start

Important information

There are a number of different types of applications or requests relating to development within a State development area (SDA).

The most common of these is an SDA application for a material change of use (MCU). An MCU is:

- the start of a new use of the premises
- the re-establishment on the premises of a use that has been abandoned
- a material change in the intensity or scale of the use of the premises.

A development scheme may also provide for some or all of the following applications and requests:

- request for pre-lodgement consideration
- SDA application for:
  - reconfiguring a lot
  - operational work
- request to change an SDA application
- change application for an SDA approval
- request to state a later currency period
- request to carry out prior affected development
- request for approval of a plan of subdivision.

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How to complete forms

All SDA application and request forms are to be submitted via the approved online forms.

The Coordinator-General can only accept SDA applications that are properly made. For an SDA application to be properly made, you must:

- complete all fields
- upload the necessary documentation
- pay the relevant fee.

For certain applications or requests, a planning report, environmental impact statement (EIS) or impact assessment report (IAR) (draft and/or final) and evaluation report on the EIS or IAR (if prepared) may also be required.

The information provided must be detailed enough to enable the Coordinator-General to adequately assess the application or request. Insufficient information may result in the Coordinator-General requesting additional information.

If for any reason you cannot submit the forms online you can contact the SDA Division on 1800 001 048 or via sdainfo@coordinatorgeneral.qld.gov.au to have a hard copy form sent out to you.

Fee waiver request

Prior to making an application or request, a proponent may request that the Coordinator-General waive all or part of the relevant fee.

If you would like to request a fee waiver, a written request providing sufficient grounds for the waiver must be made as part of a pre-lodgement consideration.

For more information, read the Guideline to state development area fees.

☑ I have read and understood the requirements for requesting a fee waiver. *

Privacy and security

The Coordinator-General collects personal information from you, including information about your name, email address, address, and telephone number. We collect this information to process, assess and make decisions about your application.

Your personal information will be used and may be disclosed publicly on the Department's website, and/or provided to third parties and other government agencies in the course of processing, assessing and making a decision about your application, and as authorised or required by law.

Your personal information will be handled and protected in accordance with the *Information Privacy Act 2009* and the Department's Privacy and Security Statement.

☑ By completing the form/s you agree to our Privacy and Security Statement. *

Disclaimer

All information that is provided as part of this application or request, including any further information requests, may be publicly released on the Department's website, and/or provided to third parties and other government agencies to process, assess, and make a decision about your application.

All information will be stored on the Departmental files as required by the *Public Records Act 2002* and may be disclosed for purposes relating to the processing and assessment of the application or as authorised or required by law.

☑ By completing the form/s you have agreed to this disclaimer. *

Application type

State development area

Select state development area *

- ○ Abbot Point State Development Area
- ○ Bromelton State Development Area
- ○ Bundaberg State Development Area
- ○ Cairns South State Development Area
- ◉ Callide Infrastructure Corridor State Development Area
- ○ Galilee Basin State Development Area
- ○ Gladstone State Development Area
- ○ Mackay State Development Area
- ○ Stanwell-Gladstone Infrastructure Corridor State Development Area
- ○ Surat Basin Infrastructure Corridor State Development Area
- ○ Townsville State Development Area

Application or request

Select application or request type *

- ○ Request for pre-lodgement consideration
- ◉ SDA application for a material change of use
- ○ Request to change an SDA application
- ○ Change application for an SDA approval
- ○ Request to state a later currency period
- ○ Change application for an SDA approval and request to state a later currency period
- ○ Request to carry out prior affected development

Proponent details

ABN

Enter your Australian Business Number (ABN)

82 078 849 233

Proponent name

The proponent is the person responsible for making the application and need not be the owner of the land. A decision notice will be issued to the proponent.

Title

Mr

First name *

Benjamin

Last name *

Freese

Company name

Powerlink Queensland

Applicant

Applicants details *

(•) Same as above ( ) Alternate contact

Title

Mr

First name

Benjamin

Last name

Freese

Company name

Powerlink Queensland

Postal address

Address line 1 *

PO Box 1193

Address line 2

Suburb *

Virginia

State *

QLD

Postcode *

4014

Contact details

Phone number (Australia) *

0738984437

Mobile number *

0407596400

Email address *

benjamin.freese@powerlink.com.au

Confirm email address *

benjamin.freese@powerlink.com.au

Property details

Property description

Identify all lots, including any part of a lot over which the development is proposed.

Lot 1

Lot *

12

Plan *

CTN301

Address *

2919 Mount Alma Road Mount Alma QLD

You may wish to check the **DA mapping system** to confirm your site details.

Lot 2

Lot *

13

Plan *

CTN301

Address *

2919 Mount Alma Road Mount Alma QLD

You may wish to check the **DA mapping system** to confirm your site details.

Lot 3

Lot *

479

Plan *

CL40215

Address *

889 Mount Alma Road Bracewell QLD

You may wish to check the **DA mapping system** to confirm your site details.

Easements

Are there any easements over the land the subject of the SDA application (e.g. for vehicular access, electricity, overland flow, water, etc.)? *

(●) Yes ( ) No

Ensure the nature, location and dimensions of each easement are included in the plans submitted.

Current land use

Provide a brief description of what the land is currently being used for (e.g. grazing, vacant, etc.). *

The portion of the Project within the CICSDA traverses land primarily used for high pressure gas pipelines and is co-located with an existing 275kV transmission corridor

Land owner's consent

See 'Application stage' of the relevant development scheme for owner's consent requirements.

Is owner's consent required for this SDA application or request? *

(●) Yes ( ) No

A letter providing landowners' consent must be uploaded with your supporting information.

Land owner's name *

Coordinator General (as easement holder of Emt AM on SP239334, Emt AN on SP239334 and Emt F on SP239318)

Application details

Proposed use

Provide a brief description of the proposed use of the land.

Proposed use *

The Project comprises construction of a new 275kV double-circuit transmission line between the existing Calvale Substation and the

Use definition (as per development scheme) *

Major electricity infrastructure (undefined)

Estimated capital investment value (AUD) *

$ 900,000,000.00

Estimated employee numbers:

Construction *

250

Operational *

5

Estimated production (e.g. up to nine million tonnes of LNG per annum)

N/A

EIS or IAR

Identify if the proposed development is subject to an environmental impact statement (EIS) process or an impact assessment report (IAR). *

○ Yes ◉ No ○ Will be

Supporting information

Please upload all supporting information here and ensure that file names clearly reflect the type of document uploaded e.g. survey plan, traffic report, site drawing.

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File Name	Size
Callide Infrastructure Corridor SDA Application - Calvale to Calliope River Transmission Line Reinforcement Project.pdf	503.76 kB
Appx. A - Coordinator General Consent.pdf	136.96 kB
Appx. B - Callide Infrastructure Corridor SDA Project Series Mapping.pdf	176.08 kB
Appx. C - SDA Gas Pipeline Crossing Design Drawings.pdf	1.65 MB
Appx. D - Assessment against CICSDA Objectives.pdf	126.07 kB
Appx. E - MID Response to State Agency Review and Submissions.pdf	241.77 kB

Declaration

Applicant declaration

- [x] This document is a true representation of the submission I have prepared. By transmitting it electronically to the Coordinator-General, and the Coordinator-General agreeing to accept it electronically, it has the same status as if I had signed it. I understand that it is an offence to give the Coordinator-General a document that contains information known to be false or misleading. *

Applicants name *

Benjamin Freese

Date

13 Mar 2026

Payment details

Fee waiver

Have you received a fee waiver? *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

Relevant fee

Is there a relevant fee payable? *

- ( ) Yes
- (●) No