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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petitions 3883-23 and 3863-23 titled 'Proposed Borumba Pumped Hydro Project to the Tarong/Halys substation' tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 28 March 2023.

I would like to thank the petitioners for their interest in this Project.

The Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan is seeking to deliver clean, reliable and affordable power for generations of Queenslanders. As a key part of the Plan, the Project aims to provide long duration storage of the renewable energy that lowers greenhouse gas emissions. To do so will require energy transmission to Woolooga, Tarong or Halys Substations.

Powerlink is undertaking studies to assess project transmission lines, including evaluation of proximity to homes and infrastructure, agricultural land, cultural heritage, flora and fauna, topography and constructability. Community input is vital and guides all decision-making.

Powerlink is investigating use of state land wherever practical based on community feedback. State land could play a key role, although an entirely 100% state-owned corridor is unlikely.

A Draft Corridor Selection Report will be released soon for public comment on a recommended corridor over a far smaller project area. After further investigation and feedback, it will be refined to a 70-metre easement with final consultation and investigation to determine the route for State and Federal approval processes. Any final design will incorporate scalloping and spanning to minimise vegetation clearing.

I hope this information answers your enquiry

Yours sincerely

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