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Dear Mr Smith

## **Submissions to the Woolooga to Cooroy Transmission Line and Cooroy South Substation Project Draft Terms of Reference**

PB would like to thank you for making a submission on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Woolooga to Cooroy Transmission Line and Cooroy South Substation Project.

A total of 52 submissions were received from a variety of interested parties including property owners, community members, local groups and government agencies. Powerlink and PB (the project team) have now reviewed and recorded each submission received and this letter and attachments comprise the project team's formal response. Community and stakeholder comments related to a wide range of issues including, but not limited to:

- ▶ electric and magnetic fields (EMFs)
- ▶ property valuation impacts
- ▶ flora and fauna
- ▶ visual amenity
- ▶ project need and alternatives
- ▶ recommendations about wording of the ToR
- ▶ content of the ToR.

A number of the issues raised in the submissions related directly to the purpose and intent of the ToR. In some instances, it was deemed that the issues raised were already provided for in the ToR and therefore no amendment of the ToR was considered necessary. However, some issues raised by various community members and stakeholders highlighted aspects which were either not included in the ToR or required clarification. Therefore, minor refinement to the ToR has been made in this regard.

Some of the refinements made to the TOR as a result of submissions received include:

- ensuring hollow logs in cleared vegetation areas are also considered when assessing habitat
- giving consideration to the (former) Noosa Shire's World Biosphere reserve status as part of the EIS investigations
- taking into account the *Queensland Parks and Wildlife Services Landscape Classification System for Visitor Management Operational Policy Document and Procedural Guide* when preparing the EIS, and
- adding new groups to the project stakeholder list.

It should be noted that many of the submissions received did not specifically make comment on the content or relate to the purpose of the Draft ToR document, but raised specific matters about the project and impact assessment process, which are considered as part of the Environmental Impact Study (EIS). Therefore, these matters did not require amendment of the ToR but will be addressed as part of the EIS.

Furthermore, some submissions commented on matters outside the scope of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process. These types of non-EIA related matters included, but were not limited to:

- specific questions about property valuation impacts and Powerlink's compensation process
- easement maintenance issues
- general opposition to the proposed alignment and substation site location.

Submissions made in this context have been forwarded to Powerlink for consideration and response. This will be a separate process to finalisation of the ToR and proceeding with the EIA process. A summary of the community and stakeholders issues will be reported as part of the consultation component of the EIS.

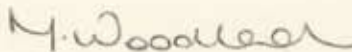
A summary of all issues as made by you has been compiled to form the attached summary table. A response to each of these issues has been prepared and is also included in the attached summary table.

The ToR for the EIS is now finalised and is also included with this letter. The final ToR is also available for public viewing on the Powerlink ([www.powerlink.com.au](http://www.powerlink.com.au)) and the PB ([www.pb.com.au/woollogatocooroy](http://www.pb.com.au/woollogatocooroy)) websites. Alternatively, the final ToR can be viewed at Gympie Regional Council libraries at Kilkivan and Gympie, and Sunshine Coast Regional Council libraries at Noosa, Maroochydore and Nambour.

The Draft EIS is expected to be released for public review and comment later this year, and landowners, stakeholders and other interested members of the community will be invited to make submissions on the document at this time.

Should you have any questions arising from this letter or the summary table of submission responses, or would like to discuss the project further, please contact our team via the freecall project hotline on 1800 028 457 or via e-mail at [aubnewoollogatocooroy@pb.com.au](mailto:aubnewoollogatocooroy@pb.com.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'M. Woodland'.

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- Enc.            1. Draft ToR submission responses spreadsheet
2. Final ToR