

Impact Analysis Statement template

Summary IAS

Details

Lead department	Department of State Development and Infrastructure
Name of the proposal	Amendment of the State Development and Public Works Organisation Regulation 2020 to insert planned development for the CopperString 2032 project
Submission type	Summary IAS
Title of related legislative or regulatory instrument	State Development and Public Works Organisation Regulation 2020
Date of issue	14 February 2024

Proposal type	Details
Minor and machinery in nature	<p>This proposal is machinery in nature, to undertake works for workers accommodation camps for the CopperString 2032 project and does not result in a substantive change to regulatory policy or new impacts on business, government or the community.</p> <p>The CopperString 2032 project involves Powerlink constructing an electricity transmission line connecting the North West Minerals Province to the Queensland electricity grid near Townsville. The project will traverse multiple local government areas.</p> <p>The project is a 'coordinated project' under the <i>State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971</i> (SDPWO Act) and is subject to certain conditions specified by the Coordinator General's Evaluation Report as well as other on-going and future development and environmental approvals.</p> <p>The coordinated project process requires that the public and government advisory agencies are invited to make a submission on the project's potential environmental impacts and the effectiveness of measures the proponent proposes to manage those impacts.</p> <p>The regulation amendment will direct Powerlink Queensland to undertake works for workers accommodation camps at Hughenden, Julia Creek and Richmond for the CopperString 2032 project. The proposed regulatory amendment would remove the requirement for certain local government development approvals for the workers accommodation camps.</p> <p>The effect of the regulation amendment will be minor as the camp's impacts, usually assessed through a development application, have been assessed by the Coordinator-General. In addition, the regulation would require construction to be undertaken in accordance with management</p>

	<p>plans submitted to the Coordinator-General. This is to ensure potential impacts are managed consistently across the project and will allow the construction of the workers accommodation camps to commence in a timely manner.</p> <p>Public consultation on the CopperString Project was undertaken as part of the Coordinator-General's environmental impact assessment process. The Coordinator-General's evaluation recognised the proponent's commitment to ongoing consultation with councils and the community.</p> <p>The regulation amendment will also direct the Coordinator-General to provide facilitation works such as securing tenure, access and exercising powers in relation to roads. Powerlink Queensland will be required to comply with existing regulatory requirements. Existing legislated landowner protections will continue to apply to the use of the Coordinator-General's powers.</p> <p>Consequently, the regulatory proposal is minor and administrative in nature and no regulatory impact analysis is required under the <i>Queensland Government Better Regulation Policy</i>.</p>
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Coordinator-General
 Department of State Development
 and Infrastructure

Date: 20 May 2024



Minister for State Development and Infrastructure
 Minister for Industrial Relations
 Minister for Racing

Date: 10 June 2024