

13th June 2025

Gladstone Regional Council
PO Box 29
Gladstone QLD 4680

Gladstone Regional Council Reference – DA/32/2024

Att: Nicholas Cooper

RE: Correspondence Regarding DA/32/2024

- **Update on Development Application Layout**
- **Notice in accordance with the *Planning Act 2016* (Ch 3, Part 2, Div 2, Sect 52 (1))**
- **Other relevant Matters**

Update on Development Application Layout

Thank you for your time earlier this week where we tabled and discussed our revised Solar Farm and Substation concept which is reduced in scale to a maximum of 150MW energy generation.

I have summarised the key points raised during our discussion:

- The revised concept was informed by further specialist studies and following feedback on specific issues (including but not limited to, proximity to boundaries, visual impact, rural land use, waterways and hydrology) received primarily from neighbour's and other community members.
- Removal of array sections from the western, southwestern and northern portions of the site. Significant increased setbacks to arrays from southern and eastern interfaces. Both measures will preserve the rural and landscape character of the site.
- Waterways have been considered in the redesign, with setbacks in most instances far exceeding those prescribed by the planning scheme.
- Perimeter vegetation screening and permeability for cattle has been incorporated into the concept design.
- Upfront works to Burgess Road would be undertaken while the analysis of the intersection of Blackmans Gap Road and the Bruce Highway are ongoing.

- The fire and hazard dispersion modeling demonstrated that the area of any impact was local to the array and contained well within the array area and away from boundaries.
- The re-design considered both Councils planning controls including overlays, and the Draft State Code 26.

Notice under Chapter 3, Part 2, Div 2, Sect 52 (1) of the *Planning Act 2016*

Due to several factors, including the significant changes made to the layout and the imminent upcoming change to the planning assessment regime in Queensland for solar farms, the current application would need to revert to the beginning of the application process.

In this respect, this correspondence constitutes the required notice under the *Planning Act 2016* (Chapter 3, Part 2, Div 2, Sect 52(1)), formally withdrawing Development Application DA/32/2024. An emailed copy of correspondence notifying referral agencies of such is enclosed for your information.

Other relevant matters

We are liaising with the Commonwealth regarding the project's *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) referral, as the proposed changes to the project are significant. Such may warrant a new determination due to the reduced development footprint and corresponding reduced impacts.

The recently completed further specialist studies and design work will form part of a new application (ultimately made to the State Government) following any future Social Impact Assessment (SIA) and Community Benefit Agreement (CBA) process undertaken with the Gladstone Regional Council.

The extensive consultation we have undertaken to date regarding our Community Partnership and Neighbour programs will assist greatly in informing any future SIA & CBA with Council.

Yours Sincerely



Mitch Crawford
Senior Director - Head of Project Development

Encl – email correspondence to Ergon and Powerlink

Greg Connors

From: Greg Connors
Sent: Friday, 13 June 2025 9:20 AM
To: Property Mailbox
Subject: Notice withdrawing DA - Powerlink Ref DA5812 (Gladstone Regional Council Ref DA/32/2024)
Attachments: Withdrawal of Development Application (Powerlink Ref DA5812).pdf

13th June 2025

Powerlink
PO Box 1193
Virginia QLD 4014

[email: property@powerlink.com.au](mailto:property@powerlink.com.au)

Powerlink Reference – DA5812
Gladstone Regional Council Reference – DA/32/2024

Re: Notice to Powerlink – Withdrawing Development Application

In accordance with Chapter 3, Part 2, Division 2, Section 52 (1) of the *Planning Act 2016*, this constitutes the required notice withdrawing the referenced development application.

Yours sincerely,



Mitchell Crawford
Senior Director – Head of Project Development

Greg Connors

From: Greg Connors
Sent: Friday, 13 June 2025 9:16 AM
To: Tom Sexton; Town Planning
Subject: Withdrawal Withdrawal of Development Application Ergon Ref ECM 20422411-20397112 (MCU for Solar Farm & Substation)
Attachments: Withdrawal of Development Application (Ergon Ref ECM 20422411-20397112).pdf

Att: Tom Sexton)

Dear Ergon

Please find attached the formal notice withdrawing the Development Application referenced as follows (Gladstone Regional Council Ref DA/32/2024 & Ergon Ref ECM 20422411-20397112).

Correspondence to this effect has been sent to Council, Ergon and Powerlink.

Please confirm receipt.

Regards
Greg Connors

13th June 2025

Ergon Energy
PO Box 1090
Townsville QLD 4810

Ergon Reference – ECM 20422411-20397112
Gladstone Regional Council Reference – DA/32/2024

Re: Notice to Ergon – Withdrawing Development Application

In accordance with Chapter 3, Part 2, Division 2, Section 52 (1) of the *Planning Act 2016*, this constitutes the required notice withdrawing the referenced development application.

Yours sincerely,



Mitchell Crawford
Senior Director – Head of Project Development