

Borumba Pumped Hydro Project



Update January 2022

The Queensland Government and Powerlink commenced community and stakeholder engagement during November and December 2021 to launch the Borumba Pumped Hydro Project (the project) to the local community.

This project update outlines our engagement tools and activities, a summary of feedback received, and key themes raised by the community and stakeholders.



Stakeholder engagement event at Imbil.

How we interacted

Our stakeholder engagement activities were advertised through local newspapers (digital and hard copy), social media, radio, and through local community organisations.

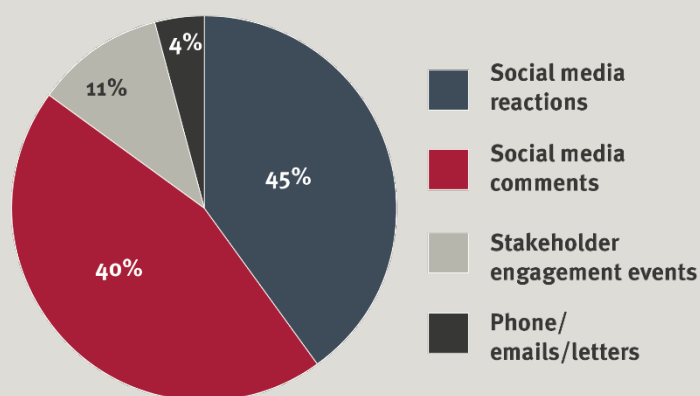
Stakeholders mainly heard about the engagement events through social media followed by the local newspapers.

Social media was also the main channel our stakeholders used to interact with us.

How we engaged

We introduced the project to our stakeholders by:

- holding stakeholder engagement events in Imbil (1 December 2021) and Gympie (2 December 2021)
- launching the Powerlink project web page www.powerlink.com.au/borumba to keep stakeholders informed
- launching the project email borumba@powerlink.com.au allowing stakeholders to easily contact the project team
- developing the project fact sheet to share details on what the project is and what we will be doing.



What we heard

We received a range of stakeholder feedback during this engagement period, with the top three themes centred around the hydrological modelling for the dam, flora and fauna, and water quality.



Top 3 themes	Summary of issues raised
Hydrological modelling for the dam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changes to dam capacity (lower and upper), discharge, and flows. Potential project impact on flows in the Mary River and water supply to Yabba Creek. Climate variability impacts – rainfall, natural flows, drought conditions, and evaporative losses.
Flora and fauna	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impact on fisheries and local habitats. Impact on threatened and native animals, plants, and aquatic species.
Water quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alteration of water temperatures (lower reservoir discharges) and impacts on downstream aquatic ecosystem. Sedimentation and turbidity.



What's next?

We will start our field investigations and other studies in early 2022. As we commence the detailed studies at Borumba, we will keep the local community and stakeholders informed through our project website www.powerlink.com.au/borumba

Our project team will also be back in the community in the first quarter of 2022 to provide project updates through a series of community drop-in sessions.



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