

What We Heard Report HumeLink EIS Webinars

21 March 2023 - 24 March 2023

Purpose

The purpose of the 'What We Heard Report' is to capture and share information and issues discussed at key engagement events. The reports are published on the project website for those not able to attend an engagement event, as a record of engagement and to provide transparency of items discussed during the forum. They are also passed onto the project team for consideration during project development.

Summary

As part of the development of Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for HumeLink, the community engagement team delivered two webinars to 21 attendees during March 2023. These sessions aimed to share project information with community members and stakeholders and seek their feedback by:

- Providing clear and timely information on the projects' EIS and relevant technical reports
- Introducing the project team and technical specialists
- Establishing a channel for community and stakeholders to raise questions and concerns
- Encouraging feedback on the project and the engagement to date
- Offering an opportunity for stakeholders to provide input on what specialist studies they wish to hear more about.

The webinars focused on Landscape Character and Visual Impact, Land Use and Property, and Agricultural Land and are second in a series of webinars designed to provide information on each of the EIS technical studies in the lead up to the EIS exhibition.

The sessions were widely promoted via the HumeLink newsletter distributed to more than 16,000 locations, Electronic Direct Mail (EDM) to more than 600 email subscribers, on HumeLink's webpage and via social media. Attendees registered through digital links located on HumeLink's webpage. The webinar sessions were hosted on Zoom.

Approach

Attendees registered to the webinars via Zoom registration links located on HumeLink's webpage. Webinars were held on the following dates and times:

Webinar	Date	Time
1	Tuesday 21 March	5:30pm to 7:00pm (AEST)
2	Friday 24 March	12:00pm to 1:30pm (AEST)

View the webinar presentation slides here.



Webinar agenda:

Topic	Time
Welcome address and Acknowledgment of Country	3 minutes
Introduction and Purpose of the EIS webinars	2 minutes
HumeLink project update	5 minutes
 EIS introduction and update Landscape Character and Visual Impact Land Use and Property Agricultural Land 	15 minutes
Questions	20 minutes
Close	3 minutes

Key themes – raised by attendees

- Landowner, council and community engagement
- Visual impacts
- Route alignment and tower locations
- Tower height and dimensions
- Construction impacts
- HumeLink legacy opportunities.