

Essential service causes power struggle

QUEENSLAND Opposition Leader John-Paul Langbroek has weighed into the proposal to run high-voltage powerlines along the Logan River.

Mr Langbroek visited the property of Waterford landowner Peter Kinley last week and said the issue brought into question the Government's environmental priorities.

"On one hand, the Government says they are concerned about the environment and yet on the other they're crisscrossing the Logan River with electricity poles and wires," he said.

But state Member for Logan John Mickel has rejected the claims and said the path of the powerlines was designed to minimise the impact on vegetation and property.

"People's concerns have been taken very seriously," he said. "I've have a series of meetings with Energex and I know Energex has met with individual landowners and as a result some changes to the proposal have already been made."

The first round of community consultation on the plan received 72 submissions.



ENVIRONMENTAL PRIORITIES: Landowner Peter Kinley and Opposition Leader John-Paul Langbroek walk along part of the proposed route of the powerlines alongside the Logan River. **Picture: Derrick Tonkin**

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