



TransGrid

Powering Sydney's Future Stakeholder Monitoring Committee

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1. Overview

Energy Consumers Australia and TransGrid have agreed to create the Stakeholder Monitoring Committee (PSF SMC) to provide consumer oversight of the costs and timelines for the implementation of the Powering Sydney's Future project. The PSF SMC is an innovative and pro-active approach putting the interests of consumers at the forefront of important decisions.

The PSF SMC is a transparent consumer consultation committee. In its capacity as an advisory group, the Committee is provided in-depth review of matters relating to the implementation of the PSF project and the opportunity to make recommendations to TransGrid based on this review. The Committee is not a decision making body.

The meeting of the PSF SMC was held virtually over WebEx due to COVID-19. Members of the PSF SMC received an update on the progress of the project and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, updates on projects costs and construction plans.

2. Members

The PSF SMC is chaired by Energy Consumers Australia Chief Executive Officer, Lynne Gallagher, and is made up of three other members who represent energy consumers.

1. **Energy Consumers Australia**, Lynne Gallagher, Chief Executive Officer (Chair)
2. **Australian Industry Group**, Tennant Reed, Principal National Advisor - Public Policy
3. **Energy Users Association of Australia**, Andrew Richards, Chief Executive Officer
4. **Public Interest Advocacy Centre**, Craig Memery, Energy and Water Team Leader

TransGrid provide the secretariat function to the PSF SMC, and attend meetings to provide information and presentations to the PSF SMC.

3. Meeting summary and outline

Date	7 December, 2020
Venue	WebEx
Time	9am – 11am
Chairperson	Lynne Gallagher, CEO – Energy Consumers Australia
Secretariat	Robert Ephraums, Industry and Stakeholder Engagement Advisor – TransGrid

PSF SMC attendees: **Lynne Gallagher**, Chief Executive Officer - Energy Consumers Australia
Andrew Richards, Chief Executive Officer - Energy Users Association of Australia
Miyuru Ediriweera, Policy Officer - Public Interest Advocacy Centre
Tennant Reed, Principal Public Policy Advisor - Australian Industry Group

TransGrid attendees: **Sean McGoldrick**, Executive Manager Major Projects
Evonne Bennett, Project Director
Michael Lloyd, Community Engagement Manager
Colin Mayer, PSF Program Manager
Andrew Kingsmill, Manager Network Planning
Peter Leate, Community Engagement Lead
Robert Ephraums, Industry & Stakeholder Engagement Advisor (Secretariat)

Apologies: **Craig Memery**, Energy and Water Team Leader - Public Interest Advocacy Centre

4. Meeting notes

Summary	Actions and questions
4.1 Welcome and Introduction	
<p>Executive Manager Major Projects, Sean McGoldrick provided an introduction to all attendees and an overview of the project progress to date including cost savings achieved through de-risking the project and early community engagement.</p> <p>The Chair welcomed all members to the meeting of the PSF SMC, and thanked TransGrid for their introduction and welcomed the progress made.</p>	Actions > Nil
4.2 Project cost and schedule update	
<p>Evonne Bennett, Project Director provided an update to the SMC on the project since the last meeting in June 2020. Project update included completion of 37% of the trenching, through the work of 13 separate work crews. TransGrid provided details of the project's progression against the current schedule, highlighting opportunities identified to deliver the project ahead of schedule and deliver cost savings to consumers of up to \$19m.</p> <p>To date the experience with the community has been positive, with some members of the community even providing food for work crews.</p>	Actions > Nil
4.3 Impact of COVID-19	
<p>TransGrid updated members on the impact of COVID-19 on the project progression. Early procurement processes have meant that TransGrid had many costs locked in prior to COVID, shielding the project from much of the impact that has been seen in other sectors and resulting in no cost impact to date.</p>	Actions > Nil
4.4 Construction update	
<p>PSF Program Manager, Colin Mayer updated members on the construction details for the project including approximately 7200 linear metres of conduit installed between Rookwood substation and Cook's River, the delivery of cable drums, and the completion of all 330kV cable manufacturing. TransGrid's entering into design partnerships with contractors has continued to be very helpful.</p> <p>TransGrid was pleased to announce that to date there have been no injuries or environmental issues.</p> <p>Members were interested in the process for managing the discovery of culturally significant sites in the course of construction, which TransGrid detailed.</p>	Actions > Circulate details for the procurement of the specialist cable truck
4.5 Community Engagement	
<p>TransGrid discussed current and planned community engagement around the construction, including work to improve consultation and engagement</p>	Actions > Nil

<p>with CALD communities. Complaints received from the community generally centre around standard construction issues.</p>	
<p>4.6 Non-network update</p>	
<p>TransGrid's Manager Network Planning, Andrew Kingsmill, provided an update to members on the progress of the PSF non-network procurement. TransGrid has procured 50 MW of demand management and the annual request for tender rounds have been designed to flexibly accommodate changes to; demand forecasts, cable conditions, new DM resources and market conditions. COVID-19 has also affected ability to procure demand management, the effect of COVID-19 on Inner Sydney demand to be observed this coming summer.</p> <p>Members were interested to understand the impact of COVID-19 of demand. TransGrid reported that demand was approximately 5% lower than average, however was still within the range modelled for the project.</p> <p>Members were also interested to discuss the nature of the non-network options currently put forward. Options include data centres, a telephone exchange and diesel generators.</p>	<p>Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Nil
<p>4.7 General business</p>	
<p>TransGrid took questions from members regarding the PSF project and more broadly regarding other major projects and the NEM. Topics of discussion include the costing for major projects, CPA processes and ISP feedback loop.</p>	<p>Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Nil
<p>4.8 Meeting closed</p>	
<p>Chair thanked TransGrid and members for their time and called the meeting to a close.</p>	