



Transgrid Advisory Council

Meeting #9

Wednesday 18 October 2023

People. Power. Possibilities.

Acknowledgement of Country

We would like to acknowledge the Gadigal people as the custodians of the lands and waters of the Eora Nation, on which we meet today.

We pay respect to Elders past and present.



Agenda



Please note: today's workshop is being recorded

Time	Topic	Lead
9.30am - 9.40am	Welcome and Acknowledgment of Country	Maryanne Graham, EGM Corporate and Stakeholder Affairs
9.40am - 9.45am	Actions from last meeting	Maryanne Graham, EGM Corporate and Stakeholder Affairs
9.45am – 10.20am	CEO update and group discussion	Brett Redman, Chief Executive Officer
10.20am – 10.45am	Major Projects portfolio update	
	<i>Energy Connect project update</i>	Harry Mercer, Regional Major Projects Director
	<i>VNI West project update</i>	Harry Mercer, Regional Major Projects Director
	<i>Hunter Transmission Project</i>	Mark McEneaney, Major Project Delivery Director, Sydney Ring
10.45am - 11.00am	HumeLink project and CPA 2 updates	Jeremy Roberts, Project Director, HumeLink
11.00am – 11.05am	Transgrid's Social Licence Framework	Maryanne Graham, EGM Corporate and Stakeholder Affairs
11.05am – 11.15am	Waratah Super Battery Draft Determination update – Presentation by the AER	Stephanie McDougall, GM Regulation Sean Mullins, Australia Energy Regulator (AER)
11.15am – 11.25am	Regulatory Policy and Government Relations update	Stephanie McDougall, GM Regulation Nicole Ryan, GM Community, Stakeholder & Government
11.25am – 11.30am	Summary and next steps	Maryanne Graham, EGM Corporate and Stakeholder Affairs
11.30am - 11.40am	TAC Close & Break	
11.40am – 12.30pm	TAC System Strength Sub Committee	Fiona Orton, GM Innovation and Energy Transition Jesse Steinfeld, Future Grid Planning Manager

Tracking meeting satisfaction

We will launch a short poll at the end of each meeting to ask:

To what extent do you feel you had an opportunity to effectively engage today?



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- Energy Connect project update
- VNI West project update
- Sydney Ring Projects update
- HumeLink project and CPA 2 updates
- Transgrid Social Licence Framework
- Waratah Super Battery update
- Regulatory Policy and Government update

We appreciate your feedback

Actions from last meeting

Action	Status
Distribute slide pack with the finalised VNI CPA 1 slides that were presented at the TAC meeting on 21 September.	Will be emailed to the TAC.
Report back on any stakeholder interest for additional EIS information sessions following extension of the exhibition period.	To be presented today.

CEO Update and Group Discussion

Brett Redman, Chief Executive Officer



Major Projects Portfolio update

Harry Mercer, Major Project Delivery Director

Mark McEneaney, Project Director, Sydney Ring Projects



EnergyConnect (PEC) project update

Where we are on Project Timeline

- ✓ **Line 1** (Buronga to SA Border) - tower foundations (81% complete), tower assembly (60%) and erection (35%)
- ✓ **Buronga Substation** – SynCon parts are on site and being assembled
- ✓ **Line 4** (Buronga to Red Cliffs) - tower foundations (80% complete), tower erections (75%)
- ✓ Camps 5 operational, Camp 6 and 7 at capacity
- ✓ **Lines 2 & 5** (Buronga to Wagga Wagga) – early works (clearing & grubbing) ongoing
- ✓ Lockhart camp occupation (240 capacity)



Stakeholder Engagement



Key engagement activities in last month

- ✓ 269 interactions for September with 36 incoming enquiries and mostly outgoing communications
- ✓ Multi-day community engagement at Henty Machinery Field Days
- ✓ Site visit of Lockhart camp by shire Council and landholders



Upcoming engagement activities

- ✓ CSU Digital Agrifoods Summit
- ✓ Business NSW Riverina Murray Awards

Social Licence

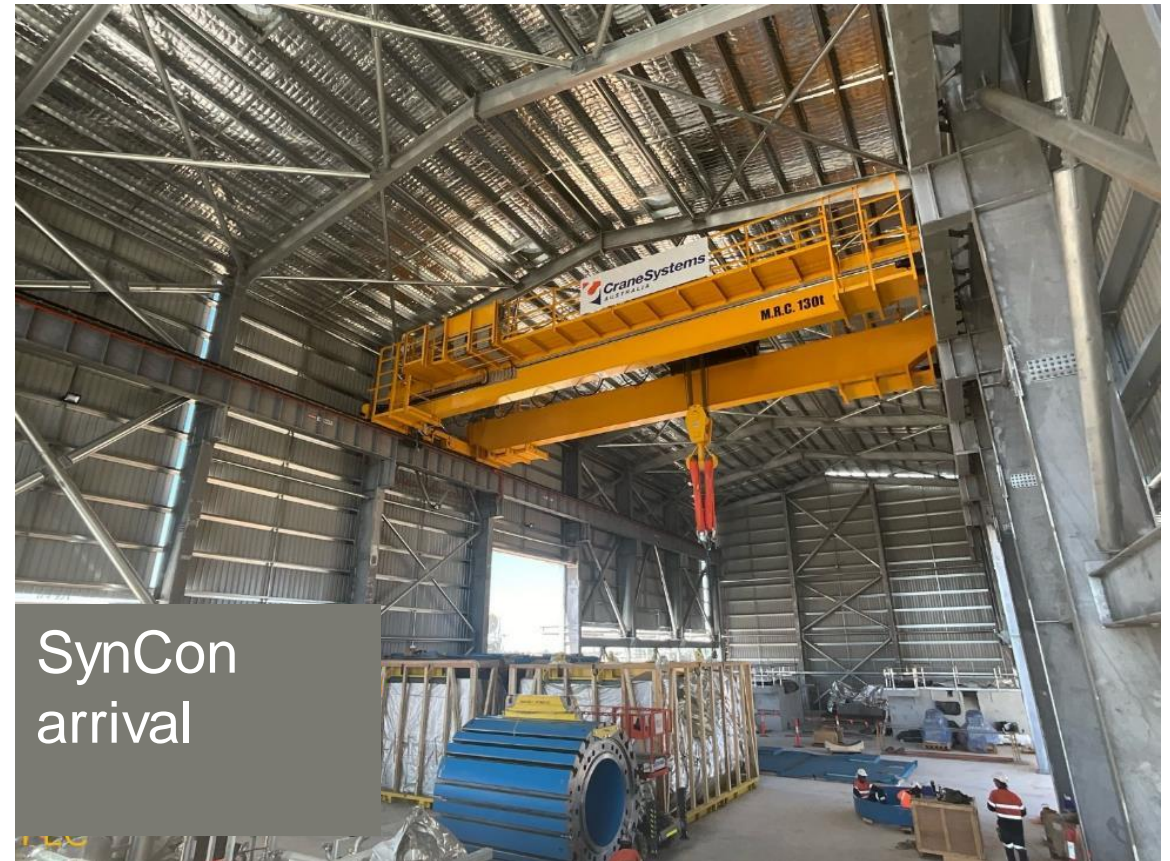
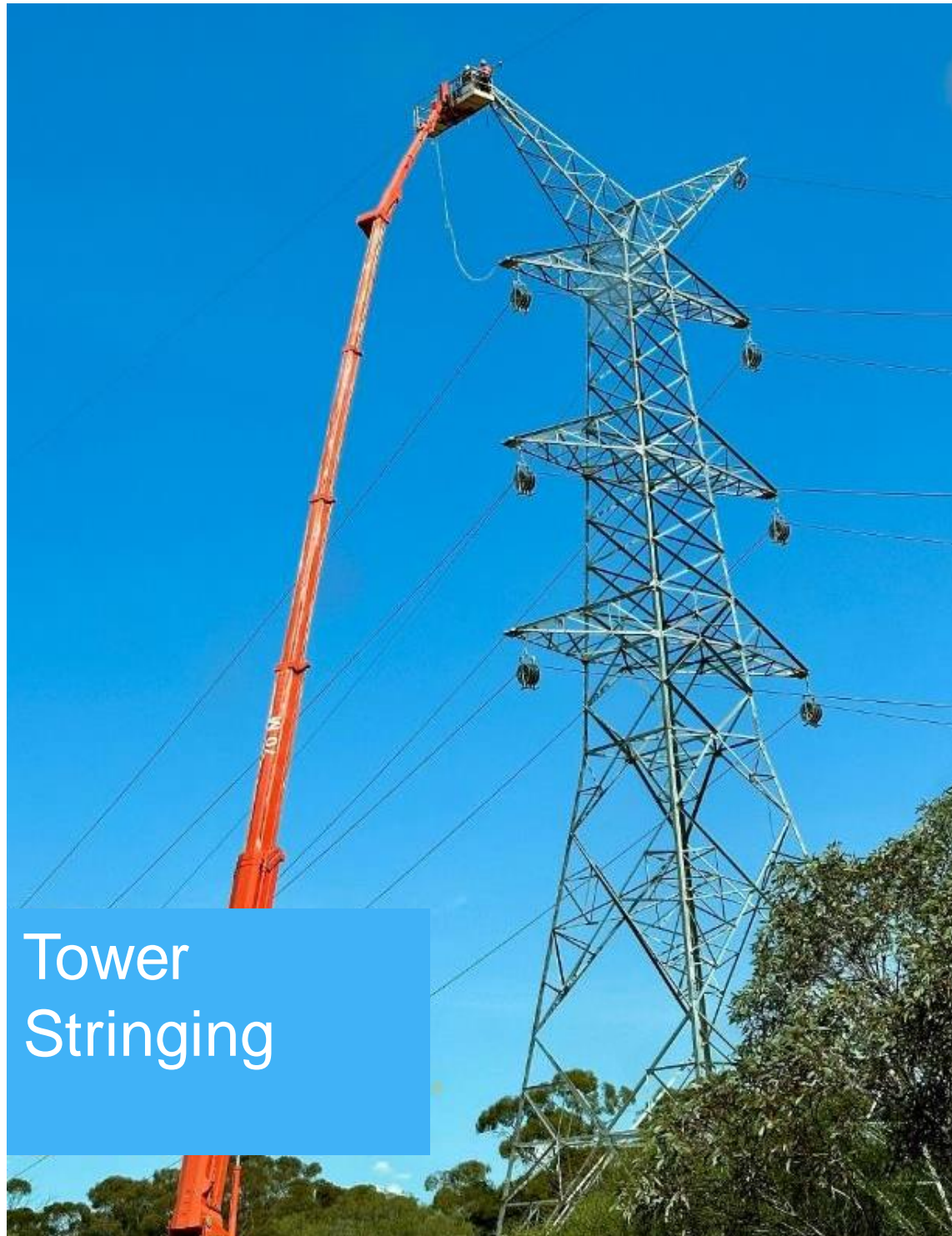
- ✓ Applications for 2025 CSU Transgrid Engineering Scholarships now open
- ✓ Community Partnership Program funding round
- ✓ RDA Partnership Grow our Own videos in progress and Jobs Riverina website is live

Timeline

PEC Stage 1
July 2024
(150MW)

PEC Stage 2
December 2024
(800MW)

EnergyConnect (PEC) update



VNI West project update

Where we are on Project Timeline

- ✓ Preferred Corridor Report published 6 October 2023
- ✓ 70 submissions received from community and stakeholder groups and feedback gathered at 16 community information sessions, led to corridor changes allowing for more route options and reduced impact to agriculture and biodiversity
- ✓ Dispute by Moorabool & Central Highlands Power Alliance remains under review by AER – expect resolution 16th October

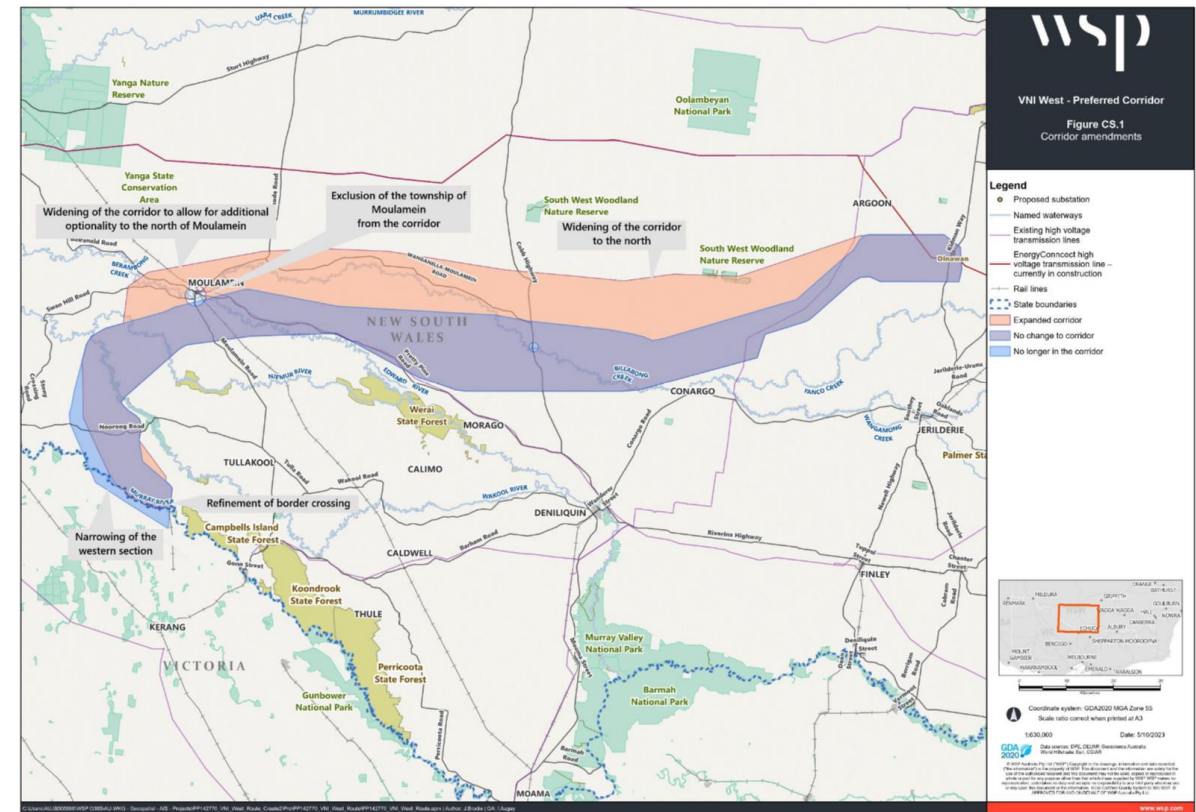
Stakeholder Engagement

- ✓ Final community information days held at Moulamein
- ✓ Landholder discussions to gather property mapping information from corridor affected landowners
- ✓ Monthly engagements with AEIC, DPE and DISER representatives keeping them abreast of project progress
- ✓ Rolling fortnightly engagements established with AER in advance of formal CPA1 lodgement

Timeline



CPA1 approval Q1 2024 (possible delay due to AER dispute resolution extension)
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Preferred Corridor

Social Licence

- ✓ Scoping and early engagement phase.
- ✓ Community Consultative Group recruitment nearing completion
- ✓ Community investment targets identified to support CPA1

Hunter Transmission project update

Where we are on Project Timeline

- ✓ Transgrid made a technical submission to EnergyCo in July 2023, with a final commercial submission to be made in October
- ✓ Transgrid continues to work with EnergyCo on network planning matters, project development detail and scoping
- ✓ Key project milestones for Transgrid include entering a Commitment Deed in March 2024, Network Operator appointment in December 2024 and AER Determination in May 2025

Stakeholder Engagement



EnergyCo lead community and stakeholder engagement as well as land acquisition, biodiversity and environmental approvals. Transgrid is supporting EnergyCo as requested

We are here

Timeline

RFP
Assessment

Public consultation
EnergyCo led
Nov 2023

Commitment Deed
Q4 2023

Ministerial appointment of
Network Operator Dec
2024

Social Licence

- ✓ Supporting EnergyCo in development as it builds social licence

Hunter Transmission indicative project location



Source: EnergyCo Network Infrastructure Strategy

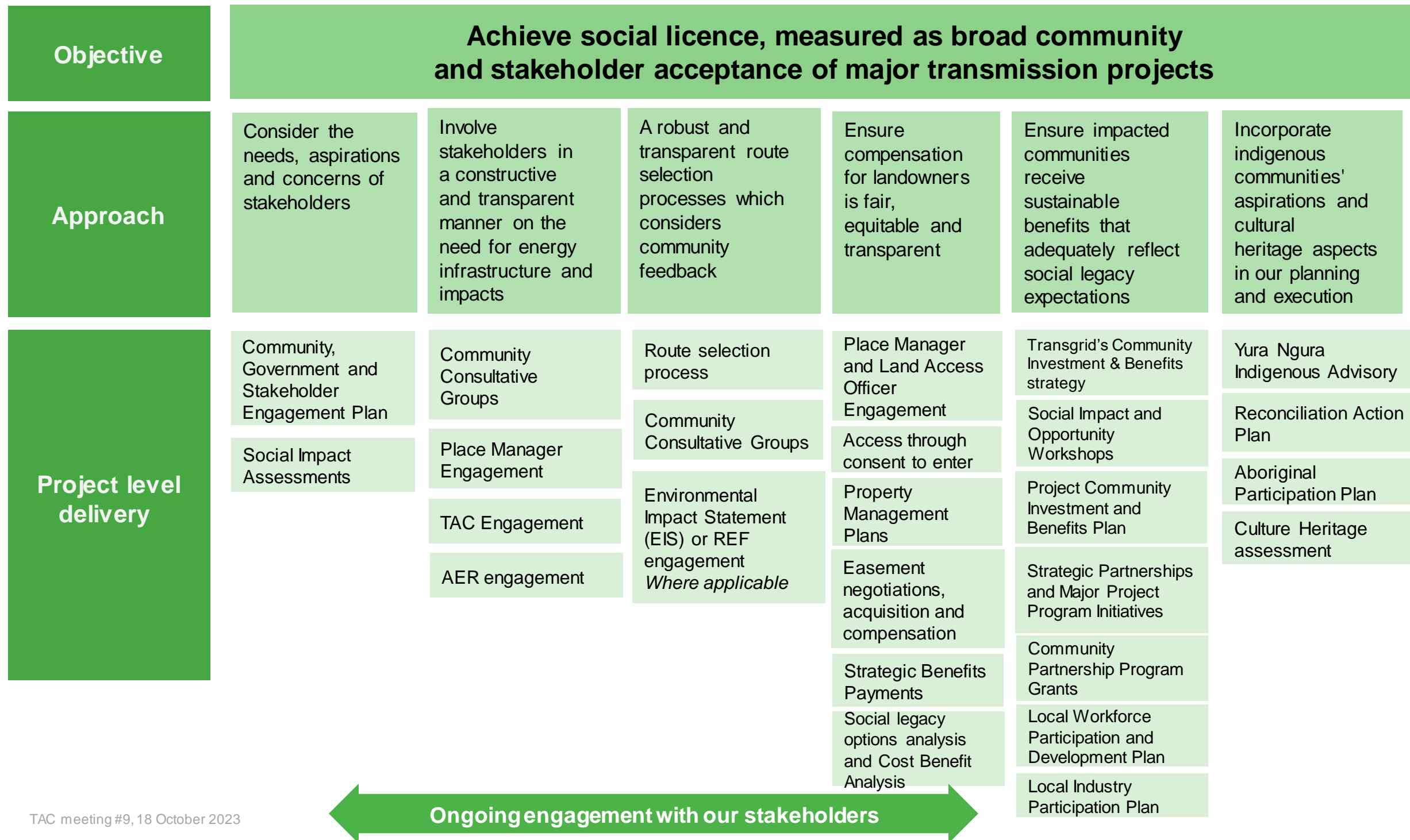
Collaboration point:
Are there any points from our major project updates today that you would like to discuss further?

Transgrid's Social Licence Framework

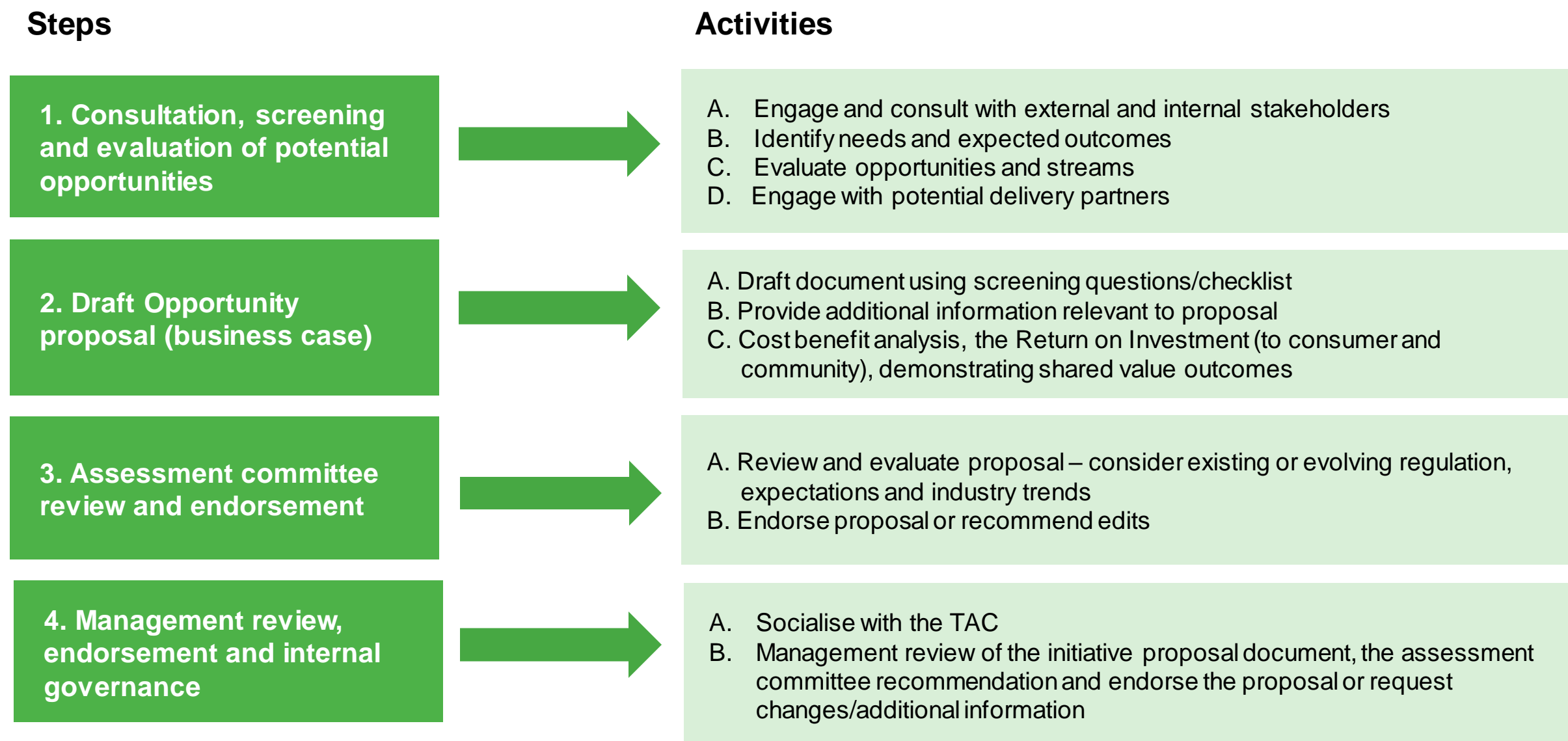
Maryanne Graham, EGM Corporate and Stakeholder Affairs



Components for building social licence



Social licence investment engagement, evaluation and review process



Collaboration point: *Would you like to know more about our approach to social licence?*

Waratah Super Battery update

Stephanie McDougall, GM of Regulation

Sean Mullins, Australian Energy Regulator (AER)



Regulatory Policy and Government Relations update

Stephanie McDougall, GM Regulation and Regulatory Reform

Nicole Ryan, GM Community, Stakeholder and Government



Regulatory Policy update

Improving security frameworks for the energy transition rule change

- While we support the AEMC's broad direction for providing security services, the proposal to give TNSPs a role in enablement payments would give rise to significant price fluctuations and cashflow risk for TNSPs
- AEMC final rule expected in December

Incorporating the updated National Electricity Objective

- On 21 September, legislation passed South Australian parliament to include the emissions reduction component into the national energy objectives, including electricity gas and retail
- Guidance on implementing the updated objective is being developed – AEMC draft rule determination expected on 26 October. The Commonwealth Government are expected to publish a value of emissions reduction (or method) in November

AER Game changer project

- The AER released an advocacy report with a proposed package of measures to improve outcomes for vulnerable customers. Transgrid responded to the proposed package of measures through Energy Networks Australia and The Energy Charter membership group.

Government Relations update

Select Committee on the Feasibility of Undergrounding the Transmission Infrastructure for Renewable Energy Projects (2nd inquiry)

- First hearing set down for November 27
- Submissions likely to open by mid-November
- Membership of the committee finalised with three Government, two crossbenchers and two opposition members named.

VNI West preferred corridor report engagement

- Corridor Members of Parliament, key Senators, Departments and Ministerial given pre-release update on report
- Report and media release shared with relevant Government Stakeholders on its release
- Indepth briefing offered to impacted corridor MPs and key Members of Parliament to continue engage and receive further feedback.

Government Engagement

- CEO met with the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, the Hon. Paul Scully MP, to discuss concerns around the planning approvals process with the need for acceleration of projects
- Met with Shadow Minister for Energy and Climate Change the Hon. Ted Obrien MP to discuss concerns raised on land acquisition process and community consultation standards.

Summary and next steps

Maryanne Graham, EGM Corporate and Stakeholder Affairs



2023 TAC meeting program

Previous meetings

- TAC #1 – 1 March
- TAC #2 – 23 March
- System Strength – 28 April
- TAC #3 – 3 May
- TAC #4 – 25 May
- System Strength – 7 June

16 consultations since March 1, 2023.
Thank you for your participation.

TAC Meeting 5 28 June

- Major projects
- Further HumeLink Stage 1 CPA
- HumeLink CPA2
- TAPR FY23
- Waratah Super Battery
- Regulatory Policy
- Government Relations

TAPR FY23 consultation 12 July

System Strength TAC subcommittee 27 July

HumeLink CPA2 costings consultation sessions 15 Aug and 5 Sep

TAC Meeting 8 21 September

- Energy Charter FY23 Disclosure
- HumeLink CPA2
- VNI West CPA2 update
- Community consultation
- CWO REZ update
- Regulatory Policy
- Government Relations

TAC Meeting 10 16 November

- HumeLink CPA2
- VNI-W CPA1
- WSB
- Regulatory Policy
- Government Relations

June

July

August

September

October

November

7 July

Pros and cons of the Capital Expenditure Sharing Scheme (CESS) consultation

TAC Meeting 6 20 July

- CEO update and discussion
- Major Projects updates
- HumeLink CPA2
- Waratah Super Battery
- Regulatory Policy
- Government Relations

TAC Meeting 7 24 August

- Energy Charter FY23 Disclosure
- VNI West CPA1 update
- VNI West community consultation
- HumeLink pre-brief EIS Exhibition preview
- HumeLink CPA2
- Regulatory Policy
- Government Relations

TAC Meeting 9 18 October

- CEO update and discussion
- Major projects updates
- HumeLink CPA2
- Waratah Super Battery
- Regulatory Policy
- Government Relations
- Systems Strength Sub Committee meeting

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A reminder to complete our short poll

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not effective



very effective

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