Meeting Minutes

Transgrid

Project Powering Sydney's Future CSRG Date 28 October 2021

Venue WebEx Meeting online Time 5pm

Chair Brendan Blakeley Recorder Ella Burgess

Attendees Jo Blackman – CSRG member Apologies Wally Mehanna – CSRG member

Brian Hudson – CSRG member Jeff Senior – CSRG member David Crosby – CSRG member Colin Mayer – Transgrid Padraig Clifford - Transgrid

Item Discussion Point

1. Welcome and introductions

- The meeting began at 5:02pm.
- The Chair welcomed all participants and acknowledged traditional custodians of Country.

Colin welcomed the group on behalf of Transgrid and noted that this would be the last CSRG meeting given the soon completion of the project.

Colin noted that Transgrid have been very happy with the support they have received from community members, in particular the CSRG which has given the project team a deeper insight into the community's sentiment throughout the lifetime of the project. For Transgrid, it has been very satisfying to reach this point in the project on good terms with neighbours.

2. Review of notes from previous meeting

The Chair called for comments on the previous meeting minutes.

- No comments were made, and the meeting minutes were adopted.

3. Work progress update

Padraig provided opening comments and gave an update on work progress.

- Since the last meeting, the project's community engagement officer has resigned.
- Transgrid have recently gone through a brand update.
- A project update video was played on slide 4 of the presentation.

Field overview

- All conduits for cable 46 have been installed.
- Joints have been completed and installed from Potts Hill. They have passed testing and will be ready to commission in Autumn 2022.
- An outage is booked from mid-March to mid-May 2022 that will allow the works at Beaconsfield to be completed and the cable energised securing power to over 800,000 people living and working in Sydney inner west, CBD and surrounds..
- As previously noted, Transgrid have come to an agreement with City of Canterbury Bankstown Council to have the permanent restoration of local roads completed which have now been restored. A lot of progress in the permanent restoration of roads has been made over the last month.
- In September 2021, Transgrid completed the final inspection of the Bedwin Road Bridge with Transport for New South Wales (TfNSW). The bridge includes a cycle way crossing which Transgrid worked on in conjunction with TfNSW.
- The Bedwin Road Bridge opened on 16 September 2021.
- A video of the Bedwin Road Bridge construction was played on slide 8.

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- Over the last three months cable testing has been completed and conduits have been tested and reinstated.
- Slide 9 of the presentation shows a tree that was replaced due to a truck, not related to the project, taking out an existing tree. To replace the tree, Transgrid had to remove and replace concrete slabs to remove the roots of the damaged tree.
- The damaged tree was one of only four that were removed as part of the project. Two trees were removed in the City of Sydney, one of which is being replaced by the City of Sydney Council, and one in Canterbury Bankstown.
- 3000 trees were identified that could have been damaged as part of the project, only four were damaged and replaced by the end of the project.
- Slide 10 shows images of the source of supply for testing. Over a period of three weeks, testing was completed late August to mid-September.
- Slide 11 shows substations with locally hired generators and equipment brought in from overseas. The equipment shown stress tests the cable to ensure that the equipment can stand a lifetime of 45 years.

The Chair called for questions.

No questions were noted from the group.

4. Construction lookahead

Padraig gave an overview of the construction lookahead.

- There are some steel plates on Sydenham Road that have been left to carry out work that is dependent on an Ausgrid outage that was not planned. There was a shortage of skilled people to cut the cables which has delayed the outage to 24 November 2021. This work is related to the future conduit and cable system and means that Transgrid will still have a presence in this area.
- Permanent restorations works are continuing in the Inner West.
- Padraig advised that Dave from Inner West Council and his team are able to complete most of the restoration.
- Permanent restoration works are predicted to be closed out by the end November.
- A similar approach has been completed in conjunction with the City of Sydney Council, which means permanent restoration in the Inner West will be able to progress earlier.
- Colin noted that one of the biggest challenges the project team has recently faced is a big proportion of their project team has been moved to other projects as this one finishes, which has meant they have had limited resources.
- Padraig confirmed that the community information and feedback channels will remain open until the project is complete.

The Chair asked if there will be any legacy issues in the future?

- Padraig responded that from his experience, there is very little chance of that occurring.
 Transgrid have left the trench in place in most streets as a temporary measure. Completing the permanent restoration means that there will be no subsidence.
- Padraig noted that over a few days, the project team walked from the route from Rookwood Station in Potts Hill to the substation in Beaconsfield looking for defects. A list of defects was created, and the contractor has been attending to the defects list.

5. Management of complaints

Padraig gave an overview of the complaints.

- There has been a decrease in complaints received since the last meeting which correlates to less construction occurring in the city. Barwon Park Road was the only street in the City of Sydney where there has been direct contact with residents.
- Padraig provided an overview of the complaint themes for Canterbury Bankstown, the Inner West and City of Sydney.

6. Community partnerships

Colin provided an overview of community partnerships.

 Applications for community grants and partnerships have recently opened. Transgrid is happy to be sponsors of the Street Paws Festival.

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- Colin commented on the generosity of the local community toward their workers and their wellbeing.
- Many businesses and communities suffered during COVID, Transgrid's focus was to put grants toward local self help and charity groups where people can get assistance in times of hardship.
- Transgrid have provided a trailer to help with the distribution of aid throughout the community. The details of this are still being worked through.
- A number of small businesses were impacted by COVID. Transgrid have offered them a sixmonth business coaching program to build their resilience in the marketplace.
- 12 small businesses have been offered the program.
- A video was played on slide 18 of Transgrid's partnership with IWEG alongside Jo, encouraging native birds to the Inner West community.

The Chair called for questions.

Jo noted that she wanted to thank Transgrid for their support sponsoring the Greenway Photographic prize, the Transgrid team made a real difference.

Jeff stated that he has not heard of any complaints in the Canterbury Bankstown area.

Dave noted that the graph in the presentation showing the decline in the number of complaints correlates with his experience in the community as the project has finished up.

Brian said that it is good to know that the resurfacing has been completed. He also noted that the donations made to the community from Transgrid have made a big difference. The overall number of complaints is a testament to the whole project team.

General discussion 7.

- Padraig thanked the members for their attendance and participation in the CSRG over the last few years, particularly to Jo for her input. He acknowledged it is very important to address community concerns, particularly along Constitution Road.
- It was noted that if there are any outstanding issues, the community phone line will remain open.
- Colin stated that he has enjoyed his experience with the CSRG and thanked the members for their input. He noted that for future projects he will recommend setting up a CSRG.

Jeff noted that he has seen a lot of big projects over the years and the ramifications of those projects are often terrible but stated that organising and running this group has had great outcomes for all.

The Chair thanked all members for their participation.

8. Meeting close

The meeting closed at 5:47pm.





Powering Sydney's Future Potts Hill to Alexandria Transmission Cable Project

Community & Stakeholder Reference Group (CSRG) Presentation

October 2021



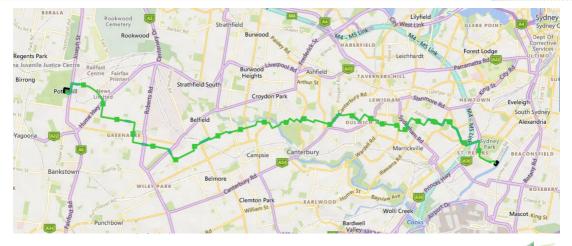




Project Update



Field overview





Permanent Restoration - Rawson Rd, Greenacre



Permanent Restoration - Edgeware Rd, Newtown





Final inspection of Bedwin Rd Bridge cycleway with TfNSW



Bridge opened to cyclists on 16 Sept 2021



Bedwin Road Cable Bridge





Tree replacement planting at Llewellyn St, Marrickville



Partial Discharge testing - Harmony St, Ashbury



HVAC test setup for 330kV at Alexandria



Testing at Beaconsfield substation in Alexandria



Field update - Substations





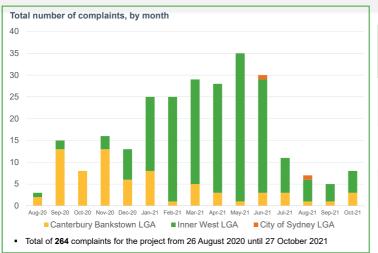
330kV Cable Testing

Termination of control cabling





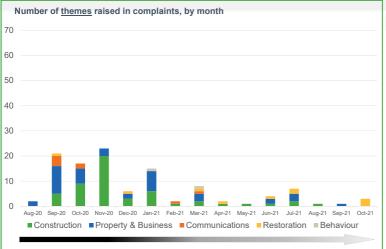
Complaints management



LGA	Total	Complaints since last meeting 28 Jul – 27 Oct	
City of Canterbury Bankstown	76	5	
Inner West Council	186	14	
City of Sydney	2	1	

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Theme of complaints - Canterbury Bankstown



Theme	Specific issue
	Traffic & Transport
	Noise & Vibration
	Safety
Construction	Parking
	Working hours
	Air quality
	Cumulative impacts
Property & Business	Property access
	Property damage
	EMF
	Property compensation
Communications	Notification of work
Communications	Consultation
Restoration	Restoration
Behaviour	Worker behaviour

Theme of complaints - Inner West



Theme	Specific issue
Construction	Noise & Vibration
	Parking
	Traffic & Transport
	Working hours
	Safety
	Air quality
	Waste management
	Water & soil
	Visual amenity
	Cumulative impacts
	Utility interruption
	Vegetation
Property & Business	Property access
	Property damage
	Socio-economic
	EMF
Communications	Consultation
	Notification of work
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Community grants

- We have received a range of applications for further community grants to help us give back to the communities along the PSF route
- These latest grants are largely focused on local organisations who have been supporting the community through the COVID-19 lockdown period and continue to do great work.
- We have just received these latest applications and hope to be able to tell organisations the good news very soon.

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Community partnerships: IWEG



Any other business

Questions

Next meeting?



Thank you

Thank you for your attendance to the CSRG meetings over the past couple of years.

Transgrid will continue to finalise the remaining works and energise the new cable by mid 2022.



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