



TransGrid

TransGrid Advisory Council Meeting Report

1 March 2021

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1. Overview

The TransGrid Advisory Council (TAC) met on Monday 1 March for the first meeting of 2021. The meeting was held over the digital platform WebEx. The meeting was chaired by TransGrid's Head of Corporate Affairs, supported by Executive Manager Major Projects Sean McGoldrick and Government and Stakeholder Engagement Manager Cameron Hamilton. The meeting focussed on providing members of the TAC with an update on the performance of the NSW transmission network over the preceding three months and on the progress of TransGrid's suite of major projects. As part of the meeting, TransGrid sought to directly answer questions from the TAC and to discuss the plans for an upcoming joint meeting between TransGrid and members of the TAC to explore opportunities to better align the interests of investors and consumers in the delivery of transmission projects.

2. Members

The TransGrid Advisory Council is chaired by TransGrid and includes 11 members from a broad range of customer and energy consumer groups.

1. **Australian Industry Group**, Tennant Reed, Head of Climate, Energy and Environment Policy
2. **City of Sydney**, Kim Woodbury, Chief Operating Officer
3. **Energy Consumers Australia**, Lynne Gallagher, Chief Executive Officer
4. **Energy Users Association of Australia**, Andrew Richards, Chief Executive Officer
5. **Goldwind**, Sam Fyfield, General Manager Grid & SCADA
6. **NSW Ethnic Communities Council**, Iain Maitland, Energy Advocate
7. **Public Interest Advocacy Centre**, Craig Memery, Policy Team Leader, Energy + Water
8. **Snowy Hydro**, Panos Priftakis, Regulation Manager
9. **St Vincent de Paul**, Gavin Dufty, Manager Policy and Research
10. **Tesla**, Maria Cahir, Sales and Business Development
11. **Tomago Aluminium**, Stacey Sleeman, Chief Financial Officer

3. Meeting summary and outline

Date	01 March, 2021
Venue	Online, WebEx meetings
Time	10.00am – 12.00pm
Chairperson	Graeme Wedderburn, Head of Corporate Affairs

TransGrid attendees:

- Sean McGoldrick**, Executive Manager Major Projects
- Graeme Wedderburn**, Head of Corporate Affairs
- Andrew Kingsmill**, Head of Network Planning
- Cameron Hamilton**, Government and Stakeholder Engagement Manager
- Robert Ephraums**, Industry & Stakeholder Engagement Advisor

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attendees

Andrew Richards, Chief Executive Officer, Energy Users Association of Australia
Craig Member, Team Leader, Energy + Water Consumers' Advocacy Program, PIAC
Kim Woodbury, COO, City of Sydney
Gavin Dufty, General Manager Policy and Research, St Vincent de Paul
Tennant Reed, Principle National Policy Advisor, Australian Industry Group
Iain Maitland, NSW Ethnic Communities Council
Panos Priftakis, Regulation Manager, Snowy Hydro
Same Fyfield, General Manager Grid & SCADA, Goldwind
Maria Cahir, Sales and Business Development, Tesla

Apologies:

Paul Italiano, CEO, TransGrid
Gordon Wilson, Procurement Manager, Tomago Aluminium
Chris Alexander, Director Strategic Reform, Energy Consumers Australia
Stacey Sleeman, Chief Financial Officer, Tomago

4. Meeting notes

Summary	Actions and questions
<h3>4.1 Welcome and Introductions</h3>	
<p>TransGrid's Head of Corporate Affairs welcomed all members of the TAC to the first meeting of 2021, and extended the apology of TransGrid's CEO for his inability to attend the meeting.</p>	<p>Actions</p>
<h3>4.2 Network Update</h3>	
<p>TransGrid provided an update to the TAC on the performance of the NSW transmission network across the last quarter.</p> <p>Head of Network Planning, Andrew Kingsmill, presented on key trends being observed across the network and led a discussion on the current considerations for TransGrid's next Transmission Annual Planning Report.</p> <p>Included in the discussion was:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > the continued observation of congestion across the network coinciding with increased generator activity and interest. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – TAC members were interested in understanding the drivers of the current congestion and the potential impact it may have into the future. – Members were interested to understand the impact of various policies including the NSW Energy Infrastructure Strategy on current congestion. – Interest was expressed to explore potential opportunities to resolve the issue in the best interests of consumers. > Currently observed demand drivers including the development of the Aerotropolis in Western Sydney, data centres and Special Activation Precincts in regional NSW. <p>TAC members were updated on the progress of the Broken Hill Supply RIT-T and the impact of the recently changed AER RIT-T application guidelines.</p>	<p>Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > TransGrid to share a summary of the changes to the Broken Hill RIT-T

4.3 Major Projects	
<p>Executive Manager Major Projects, Sean McGoldrick, provided TAC members with an update on the progress of TransGrid’s major projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Powering Sydney’s Future • QNI • VNI minor • EnergyConnect • HumeLink • VNI-West 	<p>> Nil.</p>
4.4 Regulation Round Table	
<p>TransGrid engaged the TAC in further discussion for the formation of a TAC/TransGrid regulation round table with the purpose of examining opportunities to better align the interests of consumers and investors in the delivery of major projects.</p> <p>There was an expression of support for the meeting to be held in person and for TransGrid to explore inviting external speakers to participate.</p>	<p>Actions</p> <p>> TransGrid to circulate proposal and a draft agenda to TAC</p>
4.5 Meeting close	