

# TAC meeting minutes

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The TransGrid Advisory Council (TAC) met on Thursday 5 November for the fourth and final meeting of 2020. The meeting was held over the digital platform WebEx due to the impacts of COVID-19 and the need to maintain social distancing.

The meeting was chaired by TransGrid's CEO Paul Italiano, supported by Executive Manager Major Projects Sean McGoldrick and Industry and Stakeholder Engagement Advisor Robert Ephraums. The meeting primarily followed the questions put forward by members of the TAC, with focal areas for the discussion being Project EnergyConnect, the Investability Rule Change proposed by TransGrid to the AEMC, the AEMO ISP, and an update on Powering Sydney's Future (PSF).

Members discussed issues pertaining to the current regulatory regime and market function. Mr Italiano provided members with an update on TransGrid major projects, performance of the NSW network and energy usage, and sought feedback from TAC members on how TransGrid could improve its engagement in the coming year.

Key points from the advisory council meeting include:

- The TAC meeting commenced with an open and wide ranging conversation on areas of interest as raised by members of the TAC. Topics of conversation included the status and TransGrid's major project EnergyConnect, the Investability Rule Change proposed by TransGrid to the AEMC, the AEMO ISP, and general regulatory and market functioning.
- TransGrid provided a project update to the TAC with a focus on PSF and the Queensland-NSW Interconnector upgrade currently being carried out by TransGrid. Members received updates on construction progress, community activation and weather impacts.
- TAC members were provided with an update on the energy usage for NSW as seen through the transmission network. Of note was the increasing volatility in usage across recent months partially due to the ongoing impacts of COVID-19.
- TransGrid provided a short overview to TAC of a number of the innovation projects underway across the business including the NSW Grid Battery, use of SmartWires for the Victoria-NSW interconnector (minor) project, and electric buses project in partnership with TfNSW.
- TransGrid's CEO sought feedback from the TAC to help inform and improve the engagement processes for the coming year, and thanks members for their ongoing participation in the TAC.