TAC meeting minutes

29/11/19

The fourth TransGrid Advisory Council (TAC) meeting for 2019 was held at TransGrid's Ultimo Office on Friday 29 November.

TransGrid's CEO, Paul updated members of the TAC on TransGrid's safety performance, NSW's energy usage and the results from the 2018/19 stakeholder reputation research and TransGrid's annual staff engagement survey. TransGrid also reported to the TAC on the status of the network in light of the bushfires in Northern NSW and updated the TAC on the preparatory work that had been undertaken to minimise impact on the network.

TransGrid presented on the transition of the energy system and discussed emerging concerns on the network including congestion and network strength. Ai Group's Head of Climate, Energy and Environment Policy briefed members on the upcoming UN Climate Change Conference COP2025.

Key points from the Advisory Council include:

- CEO Paul Italiano provided key insights on TransGrid's safety performance including the decline in incidents and injuries. Discussions of the results emphasised the importance of ensuring the safety for both employees and non-employees on sites.
- TransGrid updated TAC members on NSW's overall energy usage and the impacts of the November bushfires on the network, providing details on the preparatory works, response and impacts of the fires.
- TransGrid shared the completed 2018/19 stakeholder reputation research and results from and TransGrid's annual staff engagement survey with the TAC, highlighting an increase in employee engagement and external reputation with customer and stakeholder. TransGrid also discussed potential learnings and areas for improvement for the future.
- Ai Group's Head of Climate, Energy and Environment Policy briefed the TAC on the upcoming UN Climate Change Conference COP2025. The outcomes from the conference and the involvement of different nations including Australia was discussed.
- TransGrid presented on the energy system transition, highlighting emerging issues including system strength and security, forecasted capacity and generation shortfalls, network congestion and trends in new intermittent generation. Different strategies including the ISP and a NEM redesign were discussed to address the issues.