

Meeting Minutes

Victoria NSW Interconnector West

Meeting title:	VNI West Community Consultative Group Meeting	Date:	5 June 2024
Location:	Conargo Hall	Time:	10:00am – 1:00pm
Chairperson:	Brendan Blakeley		
Attendees:			
VNI West Project Team - Transgrid			
Colin Mayer	Project Director		
Michael Lloyd	Community and Stakeholder Engagement Manager		
Farid Faiz	Engineering Manager		
Paul McFadyen	Community and Stakeholder Engagement Lead		
Wardia Kessal	Environment Manager		
Peta Howard	Place Manager		
Reem Nasr	Secretary VNI West CCG		
VNI West Community Consultative Group			
Donald Bull	Landholder		
Trevor Clark	Yanco Creek and Tributaries Advisory Council		
Michael Chalmers	Ricegrowers' Association of Australia - Wakool Branch		
Bob Crawford	Yanco Creek and Tributaries Advisory Council		
Alison Glenn	NSW Farmers Association - Bunnaloo Branch		
Mick Lalor	NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service		
Bruce Rollinson	Landholder		
Sarah Ryan	Murray River Council - Online		
Observers			
Michael Lynch	Public Interest Advocacy Centre - Online		
Guests			
Will Gurry	Head of Agribusiness, South Australia, JLL		
Apologies			
Ben Doran	Transgrid		
Aaron Atkinson	Transgrid		
Leon Atkinson	Cummeragunja Local Aboriginal Land Council		
Mark Dalzell	Edward River Council		
Rose Dunn	Deniliquin Local Aboriginal Land Council		
John Kerr	Moama Local Aboriginal Land Council		
Peter O'Shannassy	NSW Local Land Services - Murray		
Shannon Sampson	Community member		
Gary Stoll	Murrumbidgee Council		
Colin Williams	Wamba Wamba Local Aboriginal Land Council		

Acknowledgment of Country

On behalf of the group, Colin Mayer acknowledged the Wamba Wamba and Barappa Barappa/Pereppa Pereppa, Traditional Owners of Deniliquin and its surrounding areas.

Meeting proceedings

Agenda item	Summary notes
1. Welcome, introductions and housekeeping and review of previous minutes	<p>Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and attendees introduced themselves. Chair reviewed action items and minutes from previous meeting were accepted.</p>
2. Project Director's update	<p>Since our last meeting the project has hit a couple of significant milestones</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A preferred route has been determined with input from the community and landholders put forward in submissions and at community drop in sessions 2. We are now able to commence detailed environmental assessment and work with landowners to narrow the preferred route down to a 200m construction corridor 3. Our first Contingent Project Application (CPA1), which is the mechanism by which the project receives regulatory approval, has been determined providing the project with approval to progress early works, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long lead equipment • Detailed design; and • Community and stakeholder engagement <p>\$1.1 billion in funding was requested, about 13% of that amount was declined or deferred. The CPA1 determination confirms that the business case for the project is still applicable, and the need reaffirmed.</p> <p>We received a question from the CCG at Meeting # 4 asking us to “reaffirm both the need and the RIT-T covering the VNI-West project at the next meeting”:</p> <p>(a) The Integrated System Plan is a whole-of-system plan that provides an integrated roadmap for the development of the National Electricity Market (NEM) over a 20-year horizon. The ISP is reviewed every two years and involves extensive consultation with transmission network service providers (TSNPs) and generators. Various information inputs into the ISP, including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • generation outlook • network capability • demand forecasts. <p>Each iteration of the ISP provides a road map for development of the energy network and identifies and prioritises projects based on need. The ISP published in July 2018 identified both EnergyConnect and HumeLink as being required by the mid-2020s, with VNI West being required by the mid-2030s. The ISP published in July 2020 assigned an “actionable” status to the EnergyConnect and HumeLink projects, with VNI West’s status noted as “actionable with decision rules”. The ISP published in June 2022 reaffirmed VNI West as an actionable project, but with a new target date of 2027-28.</p>

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	<p>Being designated an “actionable” project is just the first step, in a multi-year, multi assessment process for a project to be delivered.</p> <p>(b) The RIT-T (Regulatory Investment Test for Transmission) is a public cost-benefit analysis test (a business case) that electricity transmission network service providers must apply to potential regulated investments in the transmission network that exceed a set amount.</p> <p>The purpose of the RIT-T is to identify the credible option to address the identified need at the greatest net benefit to the national electricity market.</p> <p>Three main documents are produced and consulted upon as part of the RIT-T process. These are the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Specification Consultation Report (PSCR) [published December 2019]: describes the need, credible network options to address the need and technical information to encourage non-network options. • Project Assessment Draft Report (PADR) [published July 2022]: provides Net Present Value (NPV) assessment of credible options and identifies a preferred option; and • Project Assessment Conclusions Report (PACR) (Volume 1 Volume 2) [published May 2023]: provides a summary of and responds to submissions, updates the NPV assessment if required and identifies the preferred option. <p>Each report also includes its own consultation activities: these consultation reports, webinars etc are available on the AEMO website.</p> <p>Trevor Clark (TC): Snowy was \$2 billion, it's now \$13 billion and that doesn't include the lines!</p> <p>(c) Funding for these projects from the regulator (essentially a loan that is recouped from consumers through bills) is delivered through a mechanism called the Contingent Project Application (CPA). It is delivered in two lots:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CPA1 for early development activities, and - CPA2 for design and delivery. <p>VNI West CPA1, was recently determined on 6 May 2024 and reaffirms the AER RIT-T to progress environmental planning and assessment of the current route and planning for construction.</p> <p>Bob Crawford (BC): Are you working on the draft 2024 version of the ISP? Or is it based on the 2022 one? The 2024 one based its assumptions on offshore wind, they haven't really explained the demand element. Yet, we're basing an expenditure on the basis of that. How much basis do you put in the RIT-T for the CPA?</p> <p>Colin Mayer (CM): There were many submissions made during the RIT-T process. In addition, there was also a high court challenge. Throughout, the RIT-T process has been upheld.</p> <p>BC: They departed from the prima facie reasons for having the lines. I've also noticed the Victorians don't have a builder.</p> <p>CM: Transgrid don't have a builder yet either. We wouldn't expect to have one at this stage.</p> <p>BC: How can you assure us that we are not going to end up with a bridge like Yarrowonga? Where two sides were meant to meet fairly straight on and ended up all over the place?</p> <p>DB: Will you be able to start your project if Victoria hasn't got organised?</p>

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	<p>CM: Yes, but we would need a level of certainty. We look at the approvals program. Farid Faiz (Engineering Manager VNI West) has weekly meetings with TCV engineers. We have also seen their Multi Criteria Analysis (MCA) but it's going through its own approval and governance process.</p> <p>DB: Do they have compulsory acquisition in Victoria?</p> <p>TC: In The Weekly Times on 22 May 24 there is an article that says that AEMO can't own the lines?</p> <p>CM: No, AEMO/TCV do all the early works, then the project gets "sold" for construction and maintenance</p> <p>Michael Lloyd (ML): To clarify, in NSW Transgrid own, operate and maintain the lines.</p> <p>TC: With generators owning the wind farms and solar farms</p> <p>CM: We get funding from the government and we also borrow from the market, then the funding is recouped from consumer bills.</p> <p>Question: Is your depreciation put into a sinking fund?</p> <p>Alison Glenn: What's the lifetime on the asset?</p> <p>CM: 50 years</p> <p>AG: But the strategic benefits payment is only 20 years? That's not really fair is it?</p> <p>CM: It is NSW Government policy, and not in our scope.</p> <p>BC: Are you subject to land tax for properties and land you own?</p> <p>ML: Operational costs across the network are subject to review and approval by the Australian Energy Regulator every five years.</p> <p>BC: Is an easement considered an asset owned and subject to land tax?</p> <p>Question: Land tax – clarify how land tax applies to Transgrid property assets (freehold and easements)</p> <p>Question: Depreciation of property assets – is there an inbuilt tax concession associated with depreciation of easement interests</p> <p>BC: These are the hidden costs that no one talks about</p> <p>CM: All costs get picked up in the project.</p>
<p>3. What are you hearing</p>	<p>Chair asked the Group to report in on what they were hearing about the project in the community:</p> <p>BC: People are doubting whether all levels of government involved are behind the plan, yet money is being frittered away. As it stands it seems as though Victoria may not get a line a built, and NSW will build a line to nowhere. The assumptions in the ISP seem very rubbery to me.</p> <p>Trevor: Snowy 2.0 widely considered a white elephant</p> <p>BC: Firming, what is firming?</p> <p>CM: Firming ensures there is a consistent supply of electricity, it includes batteries, hydro etc.</p> <p>BC: There is lot of discussion about nuclear power and investment in small modular reactors as an obvious alternative to renewables</p> <p>Trevor Clark left at 10:44am</p> <p>Michael Chalmers (MC): People are still not wanting to see it go through. But there is grudging acceptance.</p> <p>AG: With CASA rules saying one thing and Transgrid saying another, how are we meant to approach that when it comes to flying around powerlines?</p> <p>AG: A Landholder raised questions at the Moulamein meeting and hasn't as yet had her questions answered. They are now outstanding from January 2024.</p>

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	<p>While some information was provided, we need tangible responses about how the line will impact us not just generic references to a guidebook.</p> <p>A couple of people have also let me know that they are feeling very uncomfortable with some of the interactions they have had with landowner engagement staff.</p> <p>ACTION: ML to follow up with AG to resolve</p> <p>Mick Lalor: Concerns around the impact to cultural heritage</p> <p>ML: We are working closely with Local Aboriginal Land Councils and Registered Aboriginal Parties. Transgrid will provide an update on activities later in the meeting.</p>
<p>4. EIS Overview – Structure and methodology</p>	<p>The Scoping Report has been finalised and lodged with NSW Department of Planning and we are waiting for Secretary’s Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs).</p> <p>Transgrid will advise CCG members when the Scoping report is made available on the NSW Planning Portal.</p> <p>We have started on biodiversity and cultural heritage surveys.</p> <p>The key studies to be undertaken include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity • Aboriginal heritage • Landscape character and visual amenity • Land use and agriculture • Hydrology, flooding and water quality • Social Impact assessment • Noise and vibration • Traffic and access • Cumulative impacts <p>BC: Is health included in the EIS? For example, the impact on people who have pacemakers.</p> <p>CM: Yes, the impact of electromagnetic fields, is considered as well as the broader social impacts</p> <p>WK: The project is assessed as a “Controlled action” under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act and identified a list of Matters of National Environmental Significance (eg the Plains Wanderer) to be likely impacted by the project. An application to declare VNI West as a controlled action has been lodged. We expect an approval from the Commonwealth Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) in the coming weeks.</p> <p>Donald Bull: Are you considering buying a property for offsets?</p> <p>CM: The property “Concord” has been purchased for biodiversity offset.</p> <p>WK outlined the principles of avoid, minimise, and then offset impacts if no other options are available.</p> <p>AG: I struggle to appreciate how an offset mitigates the damage being done elsewhere.</p> <p>DB: Why is the property so far to the west when the Plains Wanderer is from the Cobb Highway to the east?</p> <p>ML: advised that the property purchased for biodiversity offsets is not an offset that is being considered for Plains Wanderer habitat. We will need to continue</p>

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	<p>assessing impacts to understand how this offset can be best utilised for the project.</p> <p>WK: Our field surveys will help us identify Plains Wanderer habitat and whether primary habitat can be avoided or impacts minimised. It is why it is important that we get access to properties so we can do this work and better ground truth the desktop work done to date.</p> <p>AG: Dust storms cause the sand to move and we see what's under the earth, that's a concern when it comes to Aboriginal heritage</p> <p>BC: How far down into the earth are we going look for cultural heritage?</p> <p>WK noted that surveys are based on a walkover over of country which would identify areas requiring deeper investigation based on potential significance. Transgrid will be guided by Local Aboriginal Land Councils (LALCs) and Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) in this matter.</p>
<p>1. 5. Aboriginal engagement update</p>	<p>Aboriginal Focus Groups have been convened including local RAPs, LALCs, as well as RAPs around the border crossing.</p> <p>Three meetings have been held to date, including one at Kerang (Victoria). Walkovers have been held with heritage consultants to inform the EIS.</p>
<p>6. Working with landowners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on on-property surveys • Land acquisition compensation principles 	<p>ML presented in place of Ben Doran: We have just finished the first round of ecological and cultural heritage surveys</p> <p>About 75% of property owners along the alignment have provided consent to enter.</p> <p>There will be two further rounds of ecological surveys this year – Winter, and Spring</p> <p>The team is trying to develop a 200m indicative construction corridor specific to properties by end of July 2024. We have a draft construction corridor, but this is still moving around quite a lot in response to information gathered through surveys and feedback received from landowners.</p> <p>What we are doing is meeting with landowners and showing a map indicating an area around 400m in width which is where surveys are being conducted. We use this to discuss any previously unidentified constraints or considerations.</p> <p>From end of July, we will start to look at the valuation of those 200m construction corridors.</p> <p>We appreciate that there is a desire for certainty around that the 200m construction corridor.</p> <p>BR: Are you saying that the easement is just 70m in the 200m?</p> <p>ML: Yes, the 200m is used for construction, but the final easement is 70m.</p> <p>MC: Can you please give us approximate dates of the timing of this schedule?</p> <p>ACTION: Transgrid to provide timings of key property acquisition steps</p> <p>Will Gurry (WG) from JLL introduced himself to the group.</p> <p>Will outlined the role of valuers in the process and emphasised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australia Property Institute is the governing body of accredited independent valuers • Independent Valuers are not Land Access Officers, Negotiators, or Planners • Independent Valuers have no input into the Strategic Benefits Payment. <p>Their role on the projects is to deliver an assessment of land valuation to Transgrid, which Transgrid uses to make the offer. Our work is governed by the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991.</p>

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	<p>BB: Michael you raised some points around understanding and quantifying operational impacts across the long term?</p> <p>MC: How do you set guidelines and quantify that?</p> <p>WG outlined the heads of compensation.</p> <p>WG: In terms of land value, we use data from hundreds of comparable of sales whether they are small lifestyle blocks or large stations. With this data we can readily compare values.</p> <p>MC: What is the distance from a home when compensation stops?</p> <p>WG: 1500m is a typical distance within which compensation for loss of value to residences is compensated under the Just Terms Act</p> <p>DB: We have concerns about the property value and how prospective buyers would view it particularly when the “rent” (Strategic Benefits Payment), ends after 20 years.</p> <p>ML: The Strategic Benefits Payment is a NSW government policy.</p> <p>WG: Outlined the framework used when looking at compensation under the Just Terms Act. The framework can be tailored to address individual properties from both a land acquisition and operational impacts perspective. The Strategic Benefits Payment is provided over and above compensation under the Just Terms Act, calculated per kilometre of hosted transmission line.</p> <p>BR: The visual impact of transmission lines is huge, particularly on the plains.</p> <p>WG: The Increase/decreases in land value as a result of visual impact are limited to a nominal buffer around the line.</p> <p>WG: We can’t assess what we don’t know or can’t observe, which is why it’s so important for landowners to talk to us and show us their properties and explain how they run their businesses.</p> <p>WG: Disturbance is assessed for construction (temporary), or permanent remediation.</p> <p>AG: South Moulamein we have intense rice growing, having a rice layout is specific to that spot, if we’re going to be impacted across one bay, it will impact water distribution for the others. Given your experience is not entirely with irrigation, I would hope that you would be taking this into consideration.</p> <p>WG: We would talk to specialists in irrigation from our own or other organisations to understand impacts and look. It may be that bays need to be reoriented to enable planes to fly parallel to the line.</p> <p>Airstrip relocation can be an option in some circumstances to manage disturbance to rice production.</p> <p>DB: What would you do if you can’t move it or there’s no room?</p> <p>WG: The questions we would then ask: Are alternate landing strips available? Can a change in operations be compensated?</p> <p>BR: If you can’t move an airstrip due to environmental considerations would that be a total loss?</p> <p>WG: Potentially, yes</p> <p>BC: Capital Gains tax, pre-84, does it complicate that?</p> <p>ML: Your accountant is best placed to give landowners the advice on tax implications, which will vary depending individual circumstances and business structures. Reasonable costs of advice can be met by Transgrid once acquisition negotiations are underway.</p> <p>WG: EnergyConnect have done some work in this area. You should talk to them about what they’ve done.</p> <p>ACTION: Follow up with EnergyConnect team on tax implications</p>

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	<p>AG: We understand you may not have the answers we need, but some guidance on where to go and who to ask would be good.</p> <p>WG: The best start is your accountant, as everyone's situation and how they've set up their business is different.</p> <p>AG: The general constraints around the financial implications, that's very grey and we would like better communications on that. We want some more tangible information. For example, how do you traverse over the flood bank in a highly flood prone area where there are limits to heights of vehicles that can operate under the lines. People are getting bits of information in small groups, but the responses to important questions are very vague.</p> <p>Transgrid comes to us asking for firm information, but when we come asking for information we get very general responses.</p> <p>ML: It is a tricky area when it comes to financial advice. Transgrid is not permitted to provide advice on personal financial matters but will pay reasonable costs to impacted landowners through the valuation process under the Just Terms Act.</p> <p>AG: Landholders who have purchased or made plans, should they just stop? How is that handled?</p> <p>WG: Don't stop whatever work or plans you're doing. You can only be compensated for what's actually happened, not what may happen the future.</p> <p>CHAIR: With regards to hardship provisions, how does Transgrid cover these costs?</p> <p>CM: In my experience we go off receipts and quotes</p> <p>MC: Is the compensation separate to the AER funding?</p> <p>CM: No, the funding we get is everything, the whole project including the compensation</p>
<p>2. 8. Murray River border crossing update</p>	<p>ML: We have done an interim assessment to narrow the broader area. We're finalising a Multi Criteria Assessment that we will share with you and landowners soon. It identifies a preferred pathway down to within 2-3 km of the river and will allow around four weeks for feedback.</p> <p>We are working toward identifying a potential crossing point by around September this year.</p> <p>In around mid-June we'll share that assessment and start meeting landowners in that area.</p> <p>BC: Should they not be compensated for having their whole lives held up and the stress caused?</p> <p>ML: This proposed step is to help address that uncertainty.</p> <p>MC: They are the unhappiest of the lot.</p> <p>ML: Fair comments, hopefully providing this extra detail gives them more certainty.</p> <p>BC: They should be compensated right now for the trouble they're going through.</p>
<p>3. 7. Social impact assessment and community benefits</p>	<p>ML outlined Social Impact Assessment process including interviews with key stakeholders and service providers like Local Government, Local industry groups, Chambers of Commerce etc.</p> <p>BC: The problem with that is, you're asking the people who are the problem, we don't trust local government anymore. The people don't have any confidence in councils.</p> <p>ML: Community focus groups and landowners will also contribute to the assessment and will be asked for input towards community investment and benefits that will be highlighted in the CPA2 application.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supply chain • Housing and accommodation • Employment and barriers to participation and how that might be addressed in the delivery phase <p>BB: Can we have the consultants conducting the SIA do a session with the CCG?</p> <p>ML: Yes, ideally the SIA consultant will look to conduct interviews with CCG members as part of the assessment</p> <p>BC: If Moulamein decided that it wanted batteries, is that the type of thing you mean?</p> <p>ML: The process is designed to identify opportunities and options for partnerships to deliver. A battery project would require working with the distribution network but could be investigated if identified through the engagement.</p> <p>AG: Hypothetically, Moulamein is the middle of the line, we would like some investment in 6 x two-bedroom, self-contained units, which project staff could live in, and then could be used as accommodation owned and operated by the local nursing home or co-op. Moulamein doesn't have the infrastructure to support the number of people coming in now, let alone later.</p> <p>ML: This is a project which could work in collaboration with a community housing provider.</p> <p>Michael Chalmers (MC): It's hard to talk about what we could do without knowing the bucket of funding involved.</p> <p>Other discussion around Community Benefits included the following comments:</p> <p>BR: Telecommunications and the demand on the network, currently we can't get internet/phone service because of all the extra people around Dinawan</p> <p>MC: People are still not wanting to see it go through. But there is grudging acceptance. Telecommunications is a big issue out here.</p> <p>CM: The AER determination on community benefits in this stage of our budget stated that we hadn't demonstrated sufficient of stakeholder support or desire for improved telecommunications</p> <p>ML: We need to show the AER an evidence base and demonstrate there is widespread community need and that doing this will generate a good return on investment</p> <p>CM: I've had a conversation with the telecoms team, we have been looking at opportunities to host Telstra receivers, Proof of concept is being looked at through the HumeLink project.</p> <p>ML: We need to build a more detailed evidence base for CPA2; we did propose an interim solution in CPA1 (Cell on wheels) but we didn't get funding approval for this initiative.</p> <p>BR: The powerline has been pushed out from its original route and we're copping the brunt of it, you give the councils' money but what happens to it? We are concerned that general funding to councils may not see benefits delivered where they are most needed and where communities are most impacted.</p> <p>CM: Roads can be challenging. At the beginning of construction, we do dilapidation surveys and make good on completion of construction, or earlier if construction impact is significant. (The CPA provide us funding for access tracks)</p> <p>BC: The AER need to improve their processes.</p>

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	<p>BR: Roads and telecommunications are the most needed infrastructure and should be the focus of community benefits.</p> <p>AG: I had a call about Community benefits – We’re talking about Moulamein, but benefits have to be all the way along the route. This is a serious issue.</p> <p>CHAIR: So, there is consensus in this group that benefits need to be delivered broadly across the region that is impacted not just to major towns within the region.</p> <p>BR: Yes, some of these towns will see no impacts at all while others will bear the full brunt of the project for many years. But how do we get the message through?</p> <p>CM: This group can do it to a limited extent, but you need to be talking to your councils, AER, talk to local senators and MPs</p> <p>Bruce requested a full list of channels that they can continue to request telecommunications support.</p> <p>AG: What percentage of the project is community benefits?</p> <p>CM: We can come back on a breakdown of what was included in CPA1</p> <p>ML: We asked for over \$4 million in CPA1.</p> <p>AG: For the renewables it’s a pitiable amount.</p> <p>ML: You’re right, on a large project it appears to be a small percentage.</p> <p>BR: We just don’t want to see a skate park in Deniliquin, which doesn’t serve the needs of the actual affected community which as explained are things like roads, telecommunications, community services.</p> <p>DB: Do you have strict criteria for councils to allocate the money?</p> <p>CM: We would normally give a contribution to council for the roads upgrade, I believe we can stipulate how and where they can be used.</p> <p>DB: As long as it’s not given as a PR exercise</p> <p>BR: Could we invite Helen Dalton and Sussan Ley to these meetings?</p> <p>Transgrid accepted this question on notice.</p> <p>Post-meeting response to question: One purpose for Transgrid establishing this CCG is to facilitate direct engagement with local community and stakeholder representatives without having to conduct this type of CCG engagement via local Members of Parliament. Transgrid is also an implementor of Government and policy decision-making, and not Government itself.</p> <p>As a project planner and developer working in this region, Transgrid does provide routine updates to local MPs.</p>
4.	<p>Chair: Thanked members for their input.</p> <p>He asked that members pencil in 28 August 2024 at Jerilderie for the next meeting.</p> <p>He also requested that if members wanted presentations on other aspects of the project to have a chat with him or Reem.</p>

Action items

Agenda item	Description	Person responsible	Status
2. Project Director's update	ACTION: Provide link to all AER VNI West and CPA and Humelink CPA	Secretary	Completed
	Question: Land tax – clarify how land tax applies to Transgrid property assets (freehold and easements)	Secretary	
	Question: Depreciation of property assets – is the/re an inbuilt tax concession associated with depreciation of easement interests		
	Question: Is your depreciation put into a sinking fund?		
	Provide a full list of channels that CCG can continue to request telecommunications support.	Secretary	
3. What are you hearing?	ACTION: Follow up with Alison Glenn on unresolved Landowner query	Community and Stakeholder Engagement Manager	In progress
	ACTION: Follow up with Alison Glenn on landowner discomfort/concerns with recent engagement	Community and Stakeholder Engagement Manager	In progress
6. Working with landowners	ACTION: Provide indicative timing on land access/acquisition program (Slide: where are we up to?)	Property Team	
	ACTION: Follow up with EnergyConnect team on any tax work undertaken	Property Team	
	ACTION: breakdown of what was included in CPA1	Community and Stakeholder Engagement Manager	
7. Social Impact assessment and Community benefits	Question regarding extending invitation to local Members of Parliament.	Community and Stakeholder Engagement Manager	Response provided in Minutes.

Resources

Item	Link
Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991	https://legislation.nsw.gov.au/view/whole/html/inforce/current/act-1991-022
VNI West CPA1 Determination	https://www.aer.gov.au/documents/aer-determination-transgrid-vni-west-stage-1-early-works-contingent-project-may-2024 (PDF 648Kb)
VNI West Contingent Application (CPA) 1	https://www.aer.gov.au/documents/transgrid-vni-west-cpa-stage-1-a1-principal-application-31-january-2024 (PDF 1.28MB)

Item	Link
Preferred Route Report	https://www.transgrid.com.au/media/5whhsuo2/vni-west-preferred-route-report-march-2024.pdf (PDF 4.7MB)
Draft Route Report	https://www.transgrid.com.au/media/1vbfkt2d/vni_west_draft_route_report-29-january-2024.pdf (PDF 23.3MB)
Preferred Corridor Report	https://www.transgrid.com.au/media/0wue2k4h/vni-west-preferred-corridor-report-october-2023.pdf (PDF 3.66 MB)
Draft Corridor Report	https://www.transgrid.com.au/media/af5d3pry/ps135761-env-rep-001-reva_corridor_rpt_v2-2.pdf (PDF 39.34 MB)
Regulatory Investment Test for Transmission Documents	https://www.transgrid.com.au/projects-innovation/vni-west#Regulatory-Investment-Test-for-Transmission--RIT-T-
RIT-T Consultation documents	https://aemo.com.au/initiatives/major-programs/vni-west/stakeholder-consultation
State Significant Infrastructure	https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/development-and-assessment/state-significant-infrastructure
Assure Programs	<p>The service is confidential and anonymous. Transgrid does not receive any information about who uses these services.</p> <p>There is no cost to landowners in accessing this service.</p> <p>How to make an appointment</p> <p>You can book an appointment by calling Assure on 1800 808 374, or you can request an appointment online.</p> <p>When you call Assure, please let the team know that you are from Transgrid, and the business unit is “Landowners.” This will ensure you are able to get the support you need. You are not expected to provide the reason – this is a conversation saved for your session with the psychologist.</p> <p>In addition, the NSW Centre for Property Acquisition has free support and counselling services available to any landowners affected by an acquisition. For more information, call 1300 029 146 or visit their website.</p>

Attachments

Attachment	Format
Glossary	PDF
Transgrid Slides	PDF

Next meeting

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Location:	Jerilderie	Chairperson:	Brendan Blakeley