

# TAC meeting minutes

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The first TransGrid Advisory Council (TAC) meeting for 2020 was held at TransGrid's Ultimo Office on Thursday 5 March.

TransGrid's CEO, Paul Italiano discussed TransGrid's preparation to deal with COVID-19, updated members on safety performance, provided insights from NSW transmission usage over the previous months and discussed the impact of the recent bushfires on the network. TransGrid's CEO took questions from the TAC, discussing current political and regulatory events impacting the sector. TransGrid presented on three current projects it is undertaking including Network Vision, System Strength and the Energy Charter.

Key points from the Advisory Council include:

- CEO Paul Italiano provided insight to TAC members on its response to the current issue of coronavirus leading to discussion on the future impacts this event will have on the power system and energy consumption.
- Members also discussed current political and regulatory events impacting the sector including the Victorian derogation and the Regulatory investment test for transmission and the outcomes they will have on the energy sector.
- TransGrid updated the TAC on the impacts of the bushfires and initiated discussion on the potential outcomes of future climate conditions on the power system.
- TAC members received a presentation on TransGrid's Network Vision project, being undertaken in partnership with ClimateWorks Australia and the CSIRO, providing an overview of the scenario modelling that had taken place to date. TransGrid expressed its interest in involving interested TAC members in a series of workshops throughout the development of the modelling assumption that will drive the project. TAC members expressed support for the project, with six members opting to participate in the first workshop.
- TransGrid presented to the TAC on current work formulating a system strength rule change proposal and engaged with members on the options TransGrid should be considering. TransGrid extended the invitation to members to continue to engage with them as the position is developed.
- Members received an update from TransGrid on the Energy Charter, and were consulted on what they wanted to see from TransGrid's 2020 disclosure. Members expressed support for TransGrid's continued commitment to the Charter and provided feedback on areas of interest including the facilitation of the energy transition.