

# Transgrid Advisory Council (TAC) Meeting summary and actions

12 March 2024

<b>Meeting title:</b>	TAC Meeting #1 for 2024		
<b>Location:</b>	Via Microsoft Teams and MR SO180 L01.05		
<b>Chairperson:</b>	Maryanne Graham, EGM Stakeholder and Corporate Affairs		
<b>Date of meeting:</b>	Tuesday 12 March 2024	<b>Time:</b>	3pm – 5pm
<b>Attendees:</b>			
Transgrid Advisory Council Members	<p><b>Brian Spak</b>, Director Energy System Transition, Energy Consumers Australia (ECA)  <b>Brian Williams</b>, Workstream Lead, Snowy Hydro  <b>Iain Maitland</b>, Energy Advocate, Ethnic Communities' Council of NSW (ECCNSW)  <b>Leigh Clemow</b>, Policy Manager, Energy Users Association of Australia (EUAA)  <b>Michael Lynch</b>, Senior Policy Officer, Public Interest Advocacy Centre (PIAC)  <b>Scott Young</b>, Executive Director, Commonwealth Bank of Australia, (CBA)  <b>Sean Mullins</b>, Australian Energy Regulator (AER) – Observer  <b>Tennant Reed</b>, Director Climate and Energy, Australian Industry Group (AIG)</p>		
Transgrid representatives	<p><b>Belinda Ackermann</b>, Stakeholder Relations Advisor  <b>Brett Redman</b>, CEO  <b>Cassie Farrell</b>, Senior Manager Stakeholder and Corporate Engagement  <b>Christian Abran</b>, Network Regulatory Manager  <b>Christopher Curtain</b>, Board Director  <b>Cristina Cifuentes</b>, Board Director  <b>Gordon Taylor</b>, EGM Major Projects  <b>Harry Mercer</b>, GM Regional Major Projects Director  <b>Marie Jordan</b>, EGM Network  <b>Nicole Ryan</b>, GM Community, Stakeholder and Government  <b>Robbie Aherne</b>, GM System Resilience  <b>Sam Martin</b>, Policy Manager  <b>Stasha Prnjatovic</b>, Board Director  <b>Steven Proctor</b>, Board Director</p>		
Apologies	<p><b>Andrew Richards</b>, CEO, Energy Users Association Australia (EUAA)  <b>Craig Memery</b>, Senior Advisor Energy, Public Interest Advocacy Centre (PIAC)  <b>Gavin Dufty</b>, Executive Manager Policy and Research Unit, St Vincent de Paul  <b>Josef Tadich</b>, Senior Manager Engineering, Tesla</p>		

# 1. Meeting summary

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## 1.1. Summary of meeting

The meeting opened with a review of action items from the previous meeting. This was followed by an update from Transgrid's CEO on our strategy, major projects and focus areas for 2024.

The Major Projects Portfolio update highlighted progress on the EnergyConnect project, including erection of the final tower for Line 1 (Buronga to the South Australian border), which is a key component for separable portion one of the project.

This update also noted that Transgrid continues to respond to questions from the Australian Energy Regulator (AER) on the draft HumeLink Continent Project Application (CPA) 2, lodged in December 2023, and that engagement with them continues on the Victoria to NSW Interconnector West (VNI West) CPA 1 funding application.

A System Security Roadmap update referenced the importance of system strength and the development of the Regulatory Test for Transmission (RIT-T) process, explaining that the Project Assessment Draft Report (PADR) component of the System Strength RIT-T will soon be finalised and open for public consultation.

The team explained that market modelling is ongoing for the System Strength RIT-T, including the development of a 'portfolio formation' approach. It was noted that a consultant has been engaged to provide an independent view of the maturity of grid forming inverter solutions to provide System Strength.

The Non-network Solutions update discussed the pipeline of current and potential future Non-network Solutions projects. TAC members were thanked for their input into two potential rule changes which were the subject of a TAC deep dive session.

Our submission on the first potential rule change, to address Transmission Network Service Provider (TNSP) cost recovery certainty and timing issues for Non-network Solutions, incorporated feedback gained from our engagement with TAC members. The second rule change proposal, seeking to address other issues identified in the Non-network Solutions framework, is expected to be submitted to the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) by July 2024.

The Regulatory Policy and Government Relations update referenced the recent NSW budget estimates, the NSW Parliament Inquiry Examining Feasibility of Undergrounding Energy Infrastructure and noted Transgrid's recent engagement with governments. This was followed by an update on key policy matters, which noted a recent meeting with energy and climate change Ministers on recommendations around the Infrastructure System Plan (ISP) review.

The second part of the meeting was a co-creation session on the TAC engagement approach. This involved Transgrid and TAC members discussing key focus areas for improvement based on TAC member feedback and best practice stakeholder engagement. This was followed by a discussion on the revised purpose and objectives of the TAC. Due to time constraints, the session will be continued.

The meeting concluded with a short poll to measure our engagement performance at this meeting. TAC members were invited to attend the next meeting on 9 April 2024, to be held in-person.

## 2. Action items

Action	Responsible	Due date/ status
Provide a copy of the slides from the EnergyConnect update to TAC members	Cassie Farrell	By next TAC on 9 April - <i>completed</i>
Update the revised TAC purpose statement and objectives to reflect TAC member feedback	Cassie Farrell	By next TAC on 9 April - <i>completed</i>
Email TAC members to seek feedback on a suitable date to continue the co-creation session (determine whether this is an out of session meeting or at the next TAC meeting on 9 April)	Cassie Farrell	By 14 March - <i>completed</i>

## 3. Next meeting

The next meeting will occur on **Tuesday 9 April** at Transgrid Ultimo.

## 4. Contact details

If you require any information on this summary or in relation to TAC meetings, please contact:

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