

Connection process map

Stage 1: Initial assessment

(Connection Enquiry)

The connection applicant submits a **Connection Enquiry** with basic details describing the connection (type, magnitude, timing)

TransGrid responds, within 20 business days, with an initial assessment of the enquiry, including:

- . A preliminary program with estimated timeframe and costs to deliver an Offer to Connect.
- . List of additional information required for an Application to Connect.
- . Technical information on applicable access standards.

TransGrid's initial assessment is free.

Stage 2: Detailed assessment

(from an Application to Connect to an Offer to Connect)

The connection applicant submits an **Application to Connect** with all required information.

TransGrid, reviews information provided and prepares a Connection Investigation and Negotiation Agreement (**CINA**) which sets out the investigation's scope and costs leading to an Offer to Connect

The Connection Applicant accepts TransGrid's CINA

TransGrid provides a Connection Options Report, essential in the determination of the Connection Point and the pre-feasibility of the connection.

The Connection Applicant agrees on the connection design.

TransGrid undertakes feasibility studies and makes an **Offer to Connect** with the terms and conditions for connection to the Transmission Network.

An Offer to Connect contains:

- a Construction Agreement (Project Agreement if TransGrid constructs the assets or a Connection Development Agreement (**CDA**) if the Customer takes responsibility).
- a draft of a **Connection Agreement** (future Network connection contract with Performance Standards requirements)
- an estimate of transmission charges once connected
- any conditions or prerequisites prior to the commencement of construction

The Connection Applicant accepts TransGrid Offer to Connect within 3 months and provides a financial bond.

If not, the Connection Applicant may lose his priority in the queue and his project is re-evaluated by TransGrid.

Stage 3: Construction

TransGrid and the connection applicant constructs the required connection equipments and lines.

Stage 4: Commissioning

The Connection Applicant commissions the connection (with TransGrid or NEMMCO as potential witnesses). Pre-requisites to commissioning are:

- 1- Approved **Commissioning Program** (by TransGrid and NEMMCO)
- 2- **Registration** process completed or close to completion