



# HumeLink Community Consultative Groups (CCGs)

February 2022



# Agenda

Welcome and Acknowledgment of Country	5 minutes
CCG commencement	10 minutes
Minutes and matters arising	5 minutes
Introducing Transgrid and HumeLink leaders	20 minutes
HumeLink project update	20 minutes
Undergrounding Feasibility Report	20 minutes
Engagement update	20 minutes
Discussion and general business	10 minutes
Agenda setting for future meetings	10 minutes

# Acknowledgment of Country

We would like to begin by acknowledging the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today. I would also like to pay my respects to Elders past, present and emerging.





# Introducing Transgrid and HumeLink leaders

- Craig Stallan – Transgrid Executive Manager Works Delivery
- Elli Baker – HumeLink Project Director

# HumeLink Project update

Date	Activity
Late 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regulatory Investment Test – Transmission (RTIT-T) completed</li><li>• Elli Baker appointed as project director</li></ul>
Early 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Scoping Report published on Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) website</li></ul>
Mid 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Final 200m corridor announced</li><li>• Property compensation discussions with landowners start based on the 200 metre corridor</li></ul>
Early 2023 to early 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on public exhibition</li><li>• Regulatory approval</li><li>• EIS approval by NSW Minister for Planning</li><li>• Detailed design and contractor procurement</li><li>• Continue to consider feedback as part of the project planning process</li></ul>
2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Continue to consider feedback as part of the construction planning and delivery process</li><li>• Construction commences – proposed</li></ul>
2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Construction complete</li><li>• Operations start</li></ul>

# Community engagement upcoming activities

Date	Activity
Early 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Engagement Strategy refreshed – more on this later</li><li>• Third round of Community Consultative Group meetings</li><li>• Undergrounding Feasibility Report steering committee meetings continue</li><li>• Community newsletter to be issued to a broader footprint</li><li>• Face to face landowner engagement continues</li><li>• Continue to consider feedback as part of the project planning process</li></ul>
Mid 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Continue to consider feedback as part of the project planning process</li><li>• Letters to advise some landowners that they are in the preferred 200m corridor</li><li>• Social legacy program launched</li><li>• Engagement Team attend in person community events</li></ul>



# Update on Undergrounding Feasibility Report



# Introducing the HumeLink Engagement strategy





# HumeLink Engagement Strategy (HES)

- Since mid-2021 HumeLink has increased its focus on improving engagement with landholders and the wider community
- Critical to continuing the focus has been the development of a new HumeLink Engagement Strategy (HES)
- The Landowner and Community Advocate (“Stowe Report”) recommendations to improve engagement and community sentiment have now been addressed and the HES incorporates all 20 recommendations of the Stowe Report
- Key additions to the 2022 HES are:
  - **the inclusion of social legacy**
  - **a greater emphasis on Indigenous engagement**
- The 2022 HES ensures that HumeLink engagement activities are **aligned with, coordinated with and leveraging off Transgrid organisational relationships and initiatives** (Indigenous / RAP, CPP, Charles Sturt etc)
- Action Plans that will accompany the HumeLink HES are:
  - **landowner**: narrowed corridor action plan
  - **community**: event and engagement action plan
  - **Indigenous**: to be developed
  - **social legacy**: to be developed
  - **media and content creation**



# Initiatives Underway

- Broadening the scope of the Community & Stakeholder Manager to holistically include **community, stakeholder, social legacy** (& media)
- Creation of a **Social Legacy** Officer position in the project team reporting to the Community & Stakeholder Manager
- Engagement of See Partners, a 100% Indigenous owned business, to develop for HumeLink an:
  - **enhanced Indigenous procurement policy**
  - **Indigenous Strategy roadmap**
- Development of a 6-8 week '**Let's Talk**' public awareness campaign by C7EVEN, a full-service specialist regional and rural marketing and communications agency, to communicate:
  - why this project is needed
  - the importance of the project in the context of the changing Australian energy landscape
  - the economic and social benefits for the community and region





Discussion and general business

## **Agenda setting for future meetings**

- Suggested topics from members
- Future program of CCG meetings
- Next CCG meeting





**Thank you**

