



Stakeholder Engagement Plan for

Sydney Ring South PADR

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Acknowledgement of Country

In the spirit of reconciliation, Transgrid acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the various lands on which this project is planned and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people participating in this project.

We pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging, and celebrate the diversity of Aboriginal peoples and their ongoing cultures and connections to the lands and waters of New South Wales.



Acronyms and Glossary

Acronym	Definition
AEMO	Australian Energy Market Operator
AER	Australian Energy Regulator
DCCEEW (Cth)	Commonwealth Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water
DCCEEW (NSW)	NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water
DPHI	NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure
EP&A Act	<i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 NSW</i>
EPBC Act	<i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i>
IAP2 (Engagement Institute)	International Association of Public Participation also known as The Engagement Institute
ISP	Integrated System Plan
NEM	National Electricity Market
PACR	Project Assessment Conclusions Report
PADR	Project Assessment Draft Report
REZ	Renewable Energy Zone
RIT-T	Regulatory Investment Test for Transmission
SRG	Stakeholder Reference Group
TNSP	Transmission Network Service Provider

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1. Purpose

This Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) explains how Transgrid will communicate and engage with people about the Sydney Ring South (SRS) project.

The project is still at a very early stage. We haven't made any final decisions about the route, design, or how it will be built. We want to talk with communities, stakeholders and industry early—before decisions are made—so we can understand local views and concerns from the start.

The SEP aims to:

- Keep people informed in a timely, open and clear way
- Make it easier for stakeholders to understand the project and what's happening
- Gather feedback from the community, including social and environmental impacts
- Meet the Australian Energy Regulator's consultation requirements for this type of project

This plan sets out how we will coordinate communication and engagement with all stakeholders throughout the project. It will be updated over time as the project develops and as we hear more from stakeholders.

The Project Assessment Draft Report (PADR) for SRS will be published on 29 May 2026. This is an important step in the formal consultation process.

2. Project context

SRS was identified as an actionable project in the Australian Energy Market Operator's (AEMO's) 2026 Draft Integrated System Plan (ISP), which provides the following direction in relation to the investigation of credible options under the RIT-T framework.

The Sydney Ring South Project Assessment Draft Report (PADR) will assess the near-term actionable ISP project (i.e. the power flow control option) and also further test the scope and timing of the 500 kV transmission future ISP project, to identify which option best positions New South Wales for a range of credible futures, delivering the best long-term outcome for consumers.

As part of the RIT-T process, Transgrid may consider engaging communities in relation to both the actionable Sydney Ring South project (power flow control option) and the future ISP project (Sydney Ring South 500 kV option) to provide greater certainty to communities on the overall project scope and timing, and to minimise the impacts of duplicated consultation processes¹.

Engagement during the PADR phase may therefore consider both options to provide greater clarity to stakeholders.

¹ [AEMO 2026 Draft ISP pp 83](#)

3. AER guidelines and RIT-T consultation requirements

Transgrid's engagement for SRS is guided by the AER's 'Cost Benefit Analysis Guidelines – 2024 (Version 3)². The guidelines set out engagement activities the proponent (Transgrid) is either required to, do, or must consider, when undertaking consumer, non-network and community engagement during the RIT-T. In summary the RIT-T proponent is required to:

- Undertake early engagement with its consumers so they can provide services that align with their long-term interests, consistent with the National Electricity Objective.
- Consider undertaking early engagement with consumers, non-network businesses and other key stakeholders.
- Engage with stakeholders who are reasonably expected to be affected by the development of the actionable ISP project.
- Use reasonable endeavours to ensure that they meet the community engagement expectations as defined in the National Electricity Rules³.
- Provide transparent, user-friendly data to stakeholders.
- Recognise that making submissions during the RIT-T application process takes considerable time and effort on the part of consumers.
- Demonstrate in each RIT-T report how stakeholder input influenced option development and assessment.
- Follow best practice per the AER Consumer Engagement Guideline⁴.

3.1. Stakeholder Engagement Plan requirements

Under the guidelines, the RIT-T proponent is required to publish a SEP as soon as practicable before publication of the Project Assessment Draft Report (PADR). The SEP must address:

- engagement objectives and principles during preparatory activities and the RIT-T
- how the proponent plans to identify stakeholders for the purposes of engagement
- how the engagement will meet each of the community engagement expectations
- a timeline of different engagement activities during the process, and
- transparency, reporting and continuity from earlier engagement stages.

The proponent is required to report against its SEP in each RIT-T report (i.e. PADR and PACR) including how the RIT-T proponent has:

- engaged with consumers, as well as other stakeholders
- addressed issues identified as part of the stakeholder engagement plan
- sought to address any relevant concerns identified as a result of that engagement, and
- maintained continuity in their approach to engagement from the most recent engagement plan and previous engagement reports.

² [Cost Benefit Analysis guidelines | Australian Energy Regulator \(AER\)](#)

³ [Final rule - National Electricity Amendment \(Enhancing community engagement in transmission building\) Rule No. 5](#)

⁴ AER Consumer Engagement Guideline was superseded in 2021 by the [Better Resets Handbook Towards Consumer Centric Network Proposals](#)

If the approach to engagement has changed since publishing the SEP, the proponent must consider publishing an update to the SEP.

4. Engagement principles and framework

4.1. External guidelines

Transgrid's engagement approach is informed by the following industry guidelines and principles which industry best-practice engagement on transmission projects:

- National Guidelines for Community Engagement and Benefits for Electricity Transmission Projects⁵
- AER Better Resets Handbook Towards Consumer Centric Network Proposals⁶
- The Energy Charter⁷
- IAP2 Spectrum of Public Participation⁸
- EngageMark™⁹

EngageMark

Transgrid holds a Silver EngageMark accreditation from the Engagement Institute. EngageMark is Australia and New Zealand's first certification and maturity assessment tool for the engagement sector developed by the sector to meet contemporary engagement standards.

Silver represents strong commitment with solid progress underway. The organisation is clearly prioritising engagement and continuing to build on strong foundations across all elements. Some practices are still maturing at an organisation level, but the direction is right and the effort is recognised.



International Association for Public Participation (IAP2)

The International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) Spectrum is an internationally recognised tool for planning public participation in major projects. The Spectrum is designed to assist with the selection of the level of participation that defines the public's role in any community engagement project.

Public participation for the SRS Project will range from informing people about the project to consulting and/or involving them in decisions about key aspects of the project such as the route development process. Throughout the engagement process, stakeholders will be informed on how their feedback was considered.

The graphic over leaf provides an overview of the levels of engagement, which can support recommended approaches to engagement for each stakeholder.

⁵ [Community engagement for transmission projects - DCCEEW](#)

⁶ [Final decision | Australian Energy Regulator \(AER\)](#)

⁷ [The Energy Charter](#)


⁸ [IAP2 Spectrum of Public Participation](#)

⁹ [EngageMark certification & assessment | Engagement Institute](#)

IAP2 Spectrum of Public Participation



IAP2's Spectrum of Public Participation was designed to assist with the selection of the level of participation that defines the public's role in any public participation process. The Spectrum is used internationally, and it is found in public participation plans around the world.

INCREASING IMPACT ON THE DECISION 					
	INFORM	CONSULT	INVOLVE	COLLABORATE	EMPOWER
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GOAL	To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.	To obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decisions.	To work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered.	To partner with the public in each aspect of the decision including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solution.	To place final decision making in the hands of the public.
PROMISE TO THE PUBLIC	We will keep you informed.	We will keep you informed, listen to and acknowledge concerns and aspirations, and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.	We will work with you to ensure that your concerns and aspirations are directly reflected in the alternatives developed and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.	We will look to you for advice and innovation in formulating solutions and incorporate your advice and recommendations into the decisions to the maximum extent possible.	We will implement what you decide.

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IAP2 Spectrum of Public Participation

4.2. Internal policies and procedures

This SEP is aligned with the principles outlined on Transgrid's Community Engagement Policy¹⁰. Our policy is well-informed by lessons learned from previous projects and a commitment to continuous improvement, as well as our responsibility to meet planning, regulatory requirements and industry best practice standards.

Through actioning our engagement policy for the SRS project:

- We recognise the vital role that landowners and the community have in the planning and delivery of our projects and network operations.
- We work with the communities in which we operate in a meaningful, accountable, responsive and equitable way through effective and inclusive practices.
- We are dedicated to continuously improving our engagement, in our decision-making and delivering community benefits.
- We seek to minimise the social impacts of our projects and operations. We will do this by engaging with all our communities to understand what matters most, to build trust and beneficial relationships.

¹⁰ [Community Engagement Policy](#)

- We strive to build positive and lasting relationships with our local communities and create long-term benefits to our customers, community and the environment as part of our commitment to building a sustainable future.

4.3. Engagement principles and approach

Strong engagement is critical in getting this project right. Our approach is informed by lessons learned from previous projects¹¹ and a strong commitment to continuous improvement, as well as our responsibility to meet regulatory requirements and industry best practice standards. Importantly, we employ experienced and qualified practitioners that are dedicated to employing the highest standards of engagement throughout the planning and delivery of the project.

Transgrid recognises the diverse engagement and information needs of the community and has committed to a robust plan of engagement that is inclusive, collaborative and clearly demonstrates its commitment to working with the community and stakeholders through open, transparent dialogue. Transgrid engages stakeholders early and meaningfully acts on feedback, and that decisions are informed by an understanding of community values and priorities in South-West Sydney and the Southern Highlands.

During consultation for the RIT-T our engagement will be based on the following best-practice principals:

- **Clear purpose** – from the start, we will let stakeholders know the purpose of our engagement and explain how they can be involved.
- **Accessible and inclusive** – we will engage with stakeholders as early as practicable and offer them different ways to engage with us, so there's a channel that's right for them.
- **Accurate and timely** – we will provide accurate information at each stage of project planning and works delivery so that stakeholders can contribute meaningful feedback and share your concerns and interests.
- **Genuine** – we will be open, honest and transparent with stakeholders. We will tell stakeholders what is and isn't on the table and the reasons why.
- **Close the loop** – we will seek to understand what is important to stakeholders and their community and we will actively listen. We will let stakeholders know what we have heard and provide clear feedback on how we have responded and why.
- **Share other options** – we will let stakeholders know where they can go for additional information and independent advice to help resolve those issues specific to them.

4.4. SEP objectives

We want to hear from a wide range of stakeholders before any decisions are made, not after. As part of this, Transgrid will provide access to information and meet with community face-to-face and online to better understand social and environmental considerations.

The objectives of this engagement are to:

- Ensure stakeholders can provide meaningful and timely input into the RIT-T process.
- Help stakeholders understand why the SRS project is needed, its benefits, and how the project will be developed.

¹¹ Humelink, VNI West, Energy Connect

- Give communities clearer information about the overall project scope and timing, including both the power flow control option and any future 500 kV option.
- Gather feedback on the potential social, economic, urban planning, and environmental impacts of the 500 kV option.
- Seek input on our engagement approach to make sure it is fit-for-purpose and reduces duplication and engagement fatigue.

5. Stakeholder identification

Transgrid has operated in South-West Sydney and the Southern Highlands for multiple decades. We have extensive regional, industry, advocacy and government knowledge which has been used to develop a comprehensive list of stakeholders who will be engaged at the PADR stage. Further stakeholders will be added as required as the project is developed.

Transgrid will engage the following stakeholder groups during the PADR engagement period.

5.1. SRS project stakeholders

*denotes including, but not limited to

Group	Stakeholders*
Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electricity consumers • Landowners in the SRS project area • Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities • Small business owners • Farmers / agribusiness owners
Federal government and shadow ministers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Across the portfolios including Climate Change & Energy, • Science, Technology & Digital Economy • Industry and Innovation and • Infrastructure & Regional Development
Federal members of parliament	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members and offices representing relevant electorates in Western and South-Western Sydney and the Southern Highlands.
Federal government agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AER • Australian Energy Infrastructure Commissioner • Clean Energy Finance Corporation • Climate Change Authority • DCCEEW • Western Sydney Airport Corporation (WSA Co) • Digital Transformation Agency • Civil Aviation Safety Authority

Group	Stakeholders*
NSW government and shadow ministers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Across the portfolios including Energy, Planning & Public Spaces and Western Sydney and South-Western Sydney.
NSW members of parliament	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members and offices representing relevant electorates in Western and South-Western Sydney and the Southern Highlands.
NSW government agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCCEEW • EnergyCo • The Cabinet Office • Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure • Bradfield Development Authority • Infrastructure NSW • NSW Investment Delivery Authority • Environment Protection Authority (EPA) • Regional Development Australia • NSW Environment and Heritage • NSW National Parks and Wildlife Services • Transport for NSW • Forestry NSW • NSW Transport - Centre for Property Acquisition • Transport for NSW [Roads and Maritime - Regional and Outer Metropolitan Division] • Rural Fire Service • SafeWork NSW • Police, ambulance and fire services • Independent Sydney Landowner Commissioner for Aerotropolis
Traditional owners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Nations peoples within the Local Aboriginal Land Council areas of: • Deerubbin • Gandangara • Tharawal • Illawarra • Pejar
Consumer representatives and advocacy groups	<p>Consumer Advisory Group including representatives from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian Industry Group • Business Council of Australia • Energy Consumers Australia • Energy Users Association of Australia

Group	Stakeholders*
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethnic Communities Council NSW • Justice and Equity Centre (formerly PIAC) • Louise Benjamin (independent) • St Vincent de Paul Society • Other advocacy organisations • EWON • Industry Capability Network • Total Environment Centre • Nature Conservation Council of NSW
Local councils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant Local Councils across Western and South-Western Sydney and Southern Highlands.
Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electricity consumers • Landowners in the SRS project area • Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities • Small business owners • Farmers / agribusiness owners
Business organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ai Group • Business Council of Australia • Business NSW • NSW Farmers • Business Western Sydney • Council of Small Business Organisations of Australia • Data Centres Australia • Infrastructure Partnerships Australia • NSW Business Chamber • NSW UDIA • CEDA • Western Sydney Leadership Dialogue
Utilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water NSW • Sydney Water • Jemena Gas • Telecommunication providers (Telstra, Optus, Vodafone)

Group	Stakeholders*
Energy market participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AEMO • Energy Networks Australia • AEMO Services • Australian Energy Council • Energy distributors – Endeavour Energy, Ausgrid, Essential Energy • Energy retailers – Energy Australia, Origin etc. • Renewable energy providers • Renewable energy developers • Large energy users

5.2. Traditional owners

Traditional Owners are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with enduring spiritual connections to lands, waters and sites within or near the SRS Project area. Their engagement is essential to identify and protect cultural values. Transgrid will seek to build understanding and respect for these cultures, histories and rights, and ensure meaningful and appropriate opportunities for participation in the SRS Project.

Transgrid will work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to inform, consult, involve, collaborate and empower. Engagement outcomes will directly inform project development, aiming to recognise cultural, social and economic impacts and benefits for communities.

Learnings from previous projects highlight the importance of early, broad and ongoing engagement, including direct discussions with family groups. A key focus is enabling economic participation through clear identification of work scopes and sufficient lead time to support skills development, employment pathways and opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses.

6. Areas of interest

An overview of the stakeholders and their likely areas of interest during the RIT-T process including potential issues, enquiries, concerns, and opportunities is shown in the table over leaf.

This table will be reviewed regularly to ensure all potential risks are captured and the appropriate mitigation measures are considered.

Area of interest	Specific concerns
The economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jobs and economic growth. • Reliable electricity supply. • Keeping electricity costs down – both for homes and businesses. • Economic certainty.

Area of interest	Specific concerns
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long-term investment in the region. • The role of high-energy industries like data centres in driving network projects. • Justification the project will help reduce energy costs in the long-term. • Project costs and impact on electricity bills – who will pay.
Transition to renewables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe and reliable electricity supply as coal closes. • Smooth transition to renewable energy without large price fluctuations. • Keeping long-term electricity costs down by moving a greater proportion of renewables. Coal-fired electricity is generally more expensive than renewable generation. • Energy transition meeting future electricity demands of a growing economy and urban population. • Delivering net market benefits for consumers by increasing the power system's capability to supply major load centres with capacity from renewable generation in Southern and Central NSW. • Project cost certainty, avoiding project cost blowouts. • Shift to renewables and new technologies. • Future jobs for people in the coal industry when coal closes.
The environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enabling energy carbonisation to slow global warming. • Building a future energy system which addresses global warming by increasing renewable energy mix. • Stable environmental conditions for future generations. • Protecting biodiversity, fauna and flora.
Project justification and need	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secure reliable supply to critical loads in the Sydney, Newcastle and Illawarra regions. • Understanding the risks of not building the project i.e. without Sydney Ring South, there may be constraints on the existing network supplying the Sydney region from the south at times of high renewable generation. • Will the project deliver net market benefits for consumers by increasing the power system's capability to supply major load centres with capacity from renewable generation in Southern and Central NSW. • Understanding 'why' the project needs to be built. • Understanding 'when' the optimal time is for the project to be built.
Due process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring Transgrid thoroughly follows the RIT-T process including fulfilling the engagement expectations of community members and stakeholders. • Projects follow the appropriate environmental planning legislation.
Regional/ local impacts of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conflicting opinions on what land in the region should be used for.

Area of interest	Specific concerns
transmission line projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project impact on existing and potential land use activities such as agriculture, tourism, WSI Airport, aerotropolis, local business, housing developments or environmental conservation. • Deciding the most appropriate time to build a transmission line. • Understanding of the timing of the route development process¹². • Being involved in developing corridors and routes. • Use of public vs private land when building transmission lines. • Utilising existing transmission line easements, or 'co-locating' new lines. • Bushfire risks and mitigation. • Impact to cultural heritage. • Landowners hosting infrastructure bear the impact for the benefit of the broader community. • Construction impacts – traffic, dust, noise, access, biosecurity, water. • Biosecurity concerns during planning, construction and operation. • Height of transmission towers and their impact on visual amenity. • Transmission projects having negative impact to property values. • Industrialisation of the local region. • Proximity of towers to homes. • Impact on local housing of influx of workers to build projects. • Inability for landowners, communities or developers to develop plans until project scoped. • Regional needs and factoring these into project plans and costs to guide investment. • Community investment in regions hosting transmission projects e.g. improving roads or mobile coverage in regional areas. • Compensation to landowners hosting infrastructure. • Confidence in comprehensive exploration of area / route alternatives. • Confidence that area / route follows path of least impact to communities and landowners.
Engagement process and understanding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stakeholders will require their role in the engagement process to be clearly explained, including how their input will be considered. • Stakeholders will want to ensure the consultation timeline ensures they have sufficient opportunity to consider and respond to the information they receive. • Stakeholders will require information that is clear, accessible, accurate, relevant, timely and explains the rationale for the relevant project. • Ensuring engagement methods and materials are tailored to meet the needs of different stakeholders.

¹² [Transgrid route development - overview](#)

Area of interest	Specific concerns
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stakeholders will be looking for a range of opportunities to be regularly involved throughout different stages of the project. • Honest and transparent communication methods. • Communities suffering from consultation fatigue.

7. Enquiry management

Transgrid is committed to providing prompt, accurate, and consistent responses to all enquiries about its operations and services. An enquiry is a request for information via designated channels.

The enquiries process is guided by principles of accuracy, timeliness, transparency, and genuine engagement. Transgrid aims to resolve issues at the first point of contact, but when more investigation is needed, they will acknowledge the matter within 2 business days and respond within 10 business days. If these timeframes cannot be met, they will inform the stakeholder of the next steps and provide a contact person. Responses will typically be made through the same channel as received unless otherwise advised.

Transgrid maintains accountability and transparency in its engagement standards with communities and stakeholders, as outlined in Transgrid's complaints and enquiry policy.¹³

8. Communication and engagement tools

A variety of engagement tools will be used to engage stakeholders and address enquiries and potential concerns related to the project. These tools are designed to effectively reach different stakeholder groups and encourage participation in the RIT-T process.

Based on identified engagement objectives and stakeholder needs, the most appropriate communication and engagement tools will be selected. The table below outlines these tools and channels that will be used during the PADR consultation process.

Overview of Communication and Engagement Tools

Engagement Tools	Purpose
Briefings	<p>Key highly engaged stakeholders will be briefed on the project status prior to publication of the PADR, providing a mechanism for feedback and collaboration as part of the RIT-T.</p> <p>Other stakeholders including MPs, councils, LALCs will generally be offered briefings once the PADR is published. Further meetings will be held as required or requested.</p>
Webinars	<p>Webinars will provide information to multiple stakeholder organisations, many of whom are managing multiple priorities and may be time poor. Webinars are planned to follow the publication of the PADR.</p>
Consumer Advisory Group (formerly Transgrid Advisory Council)	<p>Briefings to Transgrid's CAG will be given prior to the publication of the PADR.</p>

¹³ [Transgrid Complaints and Enquiry Policy](#)

Engagement Tools	Purpose
13-week submissions period	<p>The minimum timeframe for submissions to be received during the PADR consultation process is 6 weeks. Given the number of stakeholders to be engaged, importance of this project and complexity of the project, this period will be extended to approximately 13 weeks to give stakeholders time to be briefed, process the information and make a submission.</p>
Focus Groups	<p>Focus Groups will provide the local perspective on what the project needs to consider in early project design.</p> <p>As a result, we believe that the use of focus groups during the PADR consultation phase will be the most appropriate tool to attain feedback from the public, landowners and small business owners within project area to inform the early stages of SRS. As the identified impact area is broad better understanding on the local constraints will assist to inform further project design and development.</p>
Stakeholder Reference Groups	<p>Stakeholder Reference Groups (SRGs) are often used to help guide engagement and project development. SRGs will be considered depending on the outcomes of the engagement to be undertaken as part of the PADR.</p> <p>An SRG will be established prior to PACR submission.</p>
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)	<p>A comprehensive set of FAQs will be developed to ensure that all enquiries from community and stakeholders relating to the SRS Project are published to ensure project information is understood and consistent.</p>
Website	<p>A project website will be published to provide information about the project, FAQs, consultation milestones, videos, animations and contact details to provide feedback on SRS.</p>
Social media	<p>Social media posts will be used to provide project progress updates, links to project information, notification of consultation milestones and opportunities for feedback.</p>
Phone and email contacts	<p>A 24/7 1800 number and project email - continuous and contact points, allow communication with the project team and facilitate community feedback.</p> <p>1800 222 537 srs@transgrid.com.au</p>

Engagement Tools	Purpose
Project fact sheets	<p>Plain-English explanations of technical processes and subject matter through project development and delivery. 'Plain English' summary of project purpose, benefits and potential impacts.</p> <p>Communication materials will be relevant and tailored to the audience and their level of knowledge of the electricity industry. Easy-to-understand practical examples will be used.</p>
Customer Relationship Management (CRM) database management	<p>Transgrid will record stakeholder details, engagement undertaken, findings, submissions, enquiries, concerns and the responses provided in its CRM database.</p>

9. Review

This plan will be informed and progressively refined through ongoing engagement with communities and stakeholders, ensuring information and consultation milestones are clearly understood and support stakeholders in making informed submissions to the PADR.

The plan will be regularly updated as the project progresses and as new information becomes available. Engagement activities will be tracked as they occur, with plans and communications adjusted as required. Progress against engagement milestones, along with stakeholder feedback, will be reported as part of the RIT-T process.

10. Submissions and next steps

The PADR is due for publication on AEMO's website on 29 May 2026. A link will be provided on the Transgrid project webpage.

Once the PADR is published, Transgrid will invite stakeholders to either a briefing, webinar or meeting to discuss the PADR, answer any questions they may have, and invite submissions.

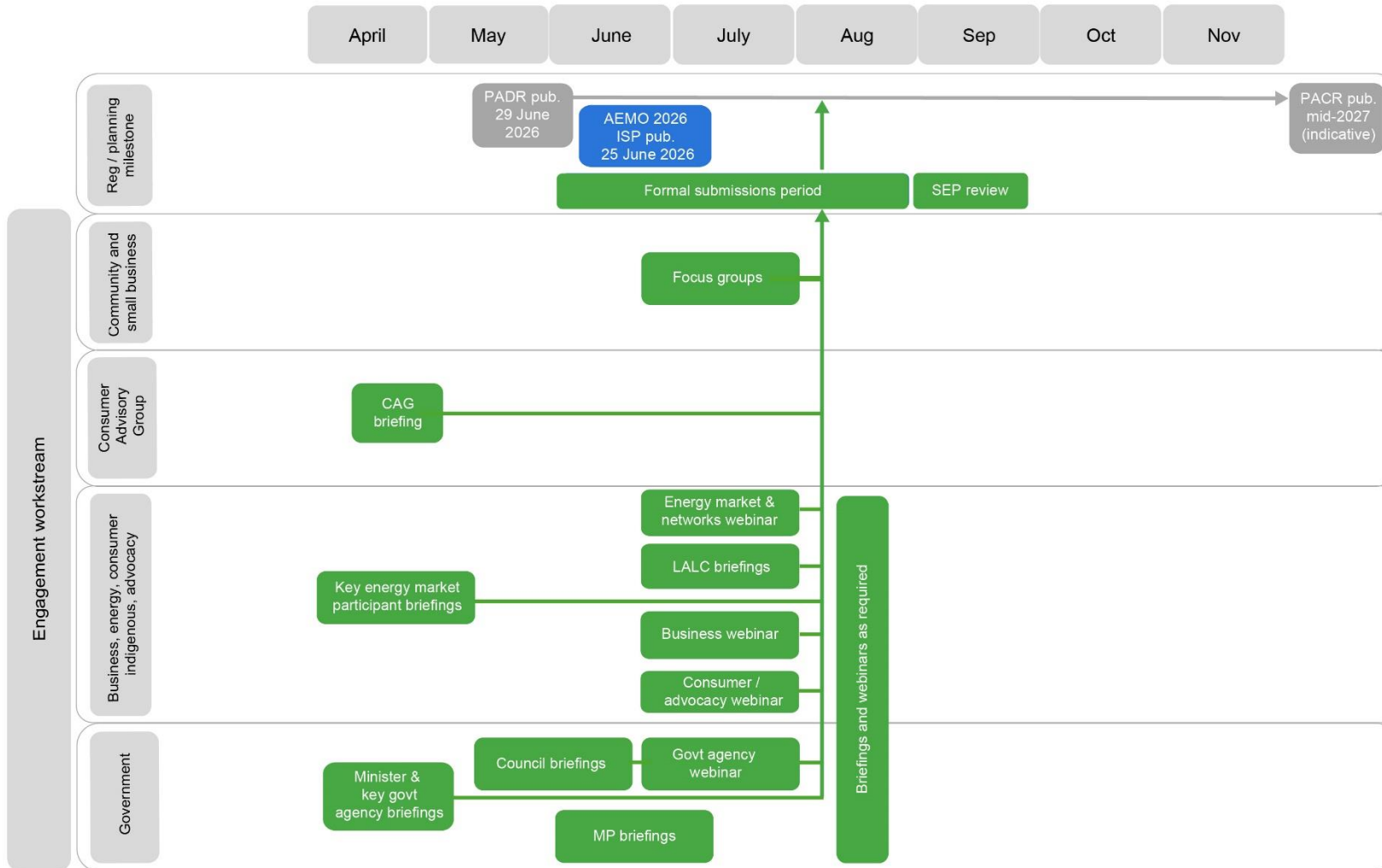
We encourage all stakeholders to participate and help inform the future of the electricity system for NSW.

Submissions are due on or before 28 August 2026 and should be emailed to srs@transgrid.com.au.

Unless clearly requested otherwise at the time of lodgment, submissions will be published on the Sydney Ring South project page and on AEMO's website.

Any questions regarding the SRS project or our engagement approach, or to request a briefing, please contact srs@transgrid.com.au or phone 1800 222 537.

11. PADR engagement program – timeline



SRS PADR engagement program