

HumeLink

HumeLink Community Investment and Benefits Program

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Transgrid is committed to supporting communities within and around the HumeLink project footprint through meaningful community benefits and investment initiatives. Beyond facilitating the transmission of renewable energy, HumeLink will deliver substantial social, environmental, and economic benefits to the local region through our Community Investment and Benefits Program.

To maximise the program's impact and ensure the community investment opportunities meet the needs of a broad cross-section of the communities where we are building infrastructure, Transgrid and our HumeLink delivery partners are collaborating with local communities and stakeholders to deliver projects that matter to them.

What is HumeLink?

HumeLink is one of Australia's largest energy infrastructure projects connecting renewable energy sources to the grid, increasing availability and market competition and helping to put downward pressure on energy prices in Australia.

The project consists of 365 kilometres of 500 kV overhead transmission lines connecting Wagga Wagga, Bannaby and

Maragle, and new or upgraded infrastructure at four substations. HumeLink is critical to bringing more affordable, reliable and renewable energy to the grid and is a priority project for the Australian Energy Market Operator and the Commonwealth and NSW governments. The construction will occur in two sections known as HumeLink East and HumeLink West.

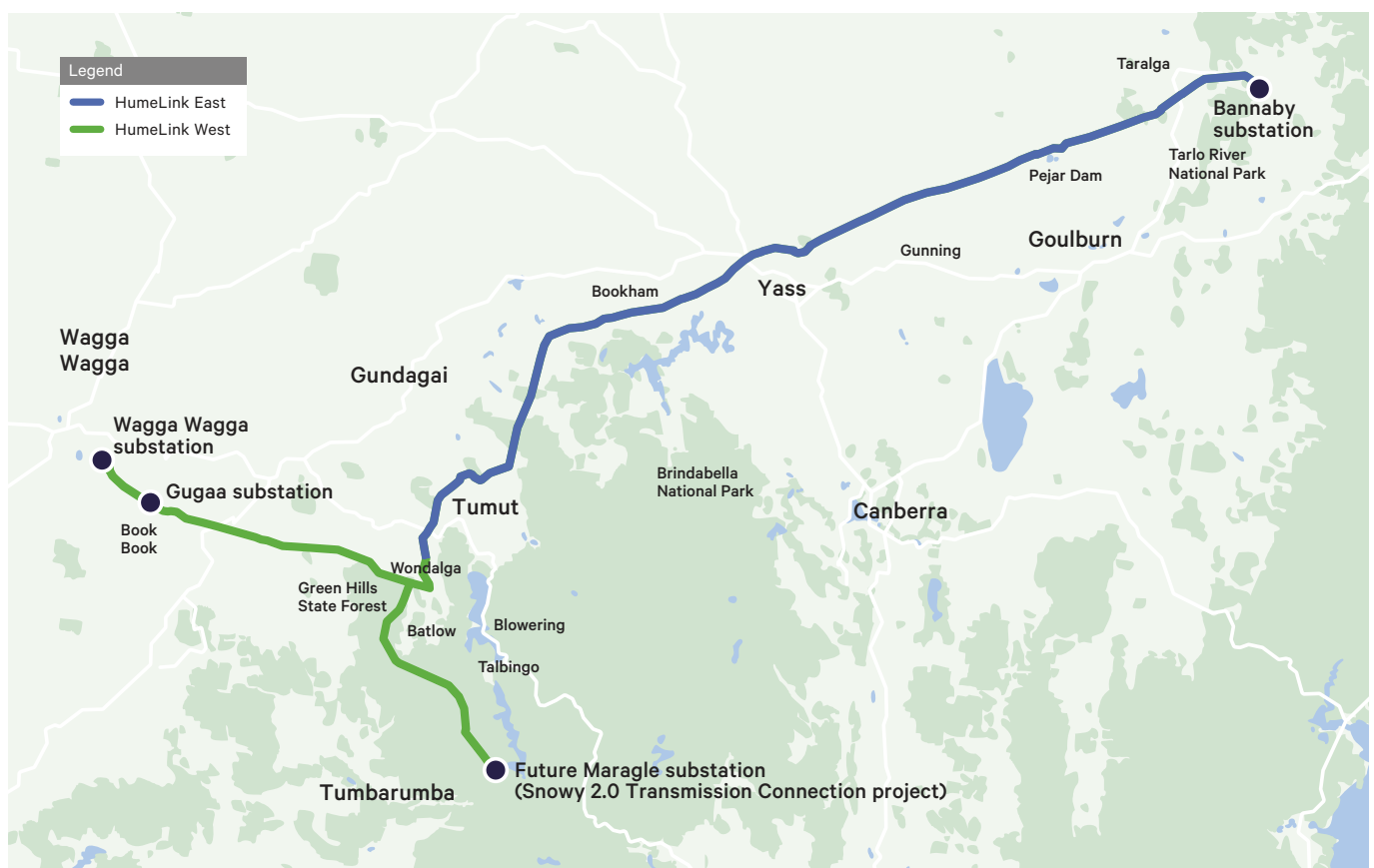


Figure 1: HumeLink Project map – division between East and West packages of work.

What is a Community Investment and Benefits Program?

A Community Investment and Benefits Program is designed to ensure local communities share in the positive outcomes of major infrastructure projects. It provides funding and support for opportunities that are tailored to the needs and aspirations of communities located within and around the project footprint.

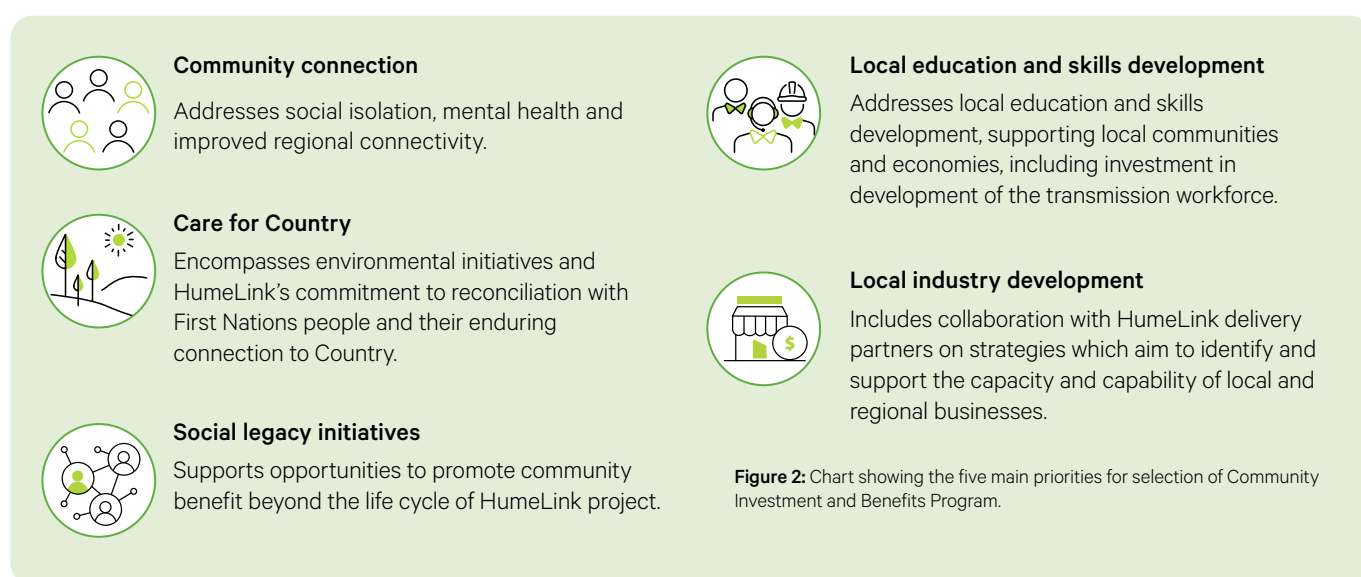
For HumeLink, this means working with local community and stakeholders to support projects that deliver enduring

and tangible benefits. This could include investment in social infrastructure, cultural projects, environmental restoration, local services or other community-led initiatives.

The program is guided by ongoing engagement to ensure it reflects community priorities and creates a lasting positive impact beyond construction of HumeLink.

Priority areas

To identify priorities for HumeLink's Community Investment and Benefits Program, Transgrid listened closely to community voices and stakeholder feedback gathered during the HumeLink planning phase, ensuring the program reflects local needs and values.



What makes a project eligible?

As a regulated business, all Transgrid projects, including HumeLink, are subject to determination by the Australian Energy Regulator under the National Electricity Rules. In light of this, all expenditures on HumeLink, including the Community Investment and Benefits Program, must demonstrate prudence and efficiency throughout the delivery process.

All nominated community investment projects and initiatives must provide reasonable evidence of its lasting and tangible benefit to the local and regional communities within and/or near the project footprint.

Projects will be reviewed against the eligibility criteria listed below.

- Expression of Interest form completed in full
- Within the maximum funding limits and includes an estimated cost breakdown
- Connection to one or more of the project priority areas, including anticipated impacts and outcomes

- Benefit at least one of the local government areas within the HumeLink project footprint:
 - Snowy Valleys
 - Wagga Wagga
 - Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional
 - Upper Lachlan Shire
 - Yass Valley
 - Goulburn Mulwaree

- Clear pathway that permits project delivery
- Robust strategy for project transition and sustainability when HumeLink investment is completed
- Ability to be delivered on or before completion of HumeLink works, anticipated in 2027
- Not for religious, political or sectarian purposes
- Not involve retrospective costs

Eligible projects will be shortlisted and progressed to the 'Present' stage. The community will be invited to prioritise the shortlisted projects in line with the project priority areas. Please see Figure 3 below for more information.

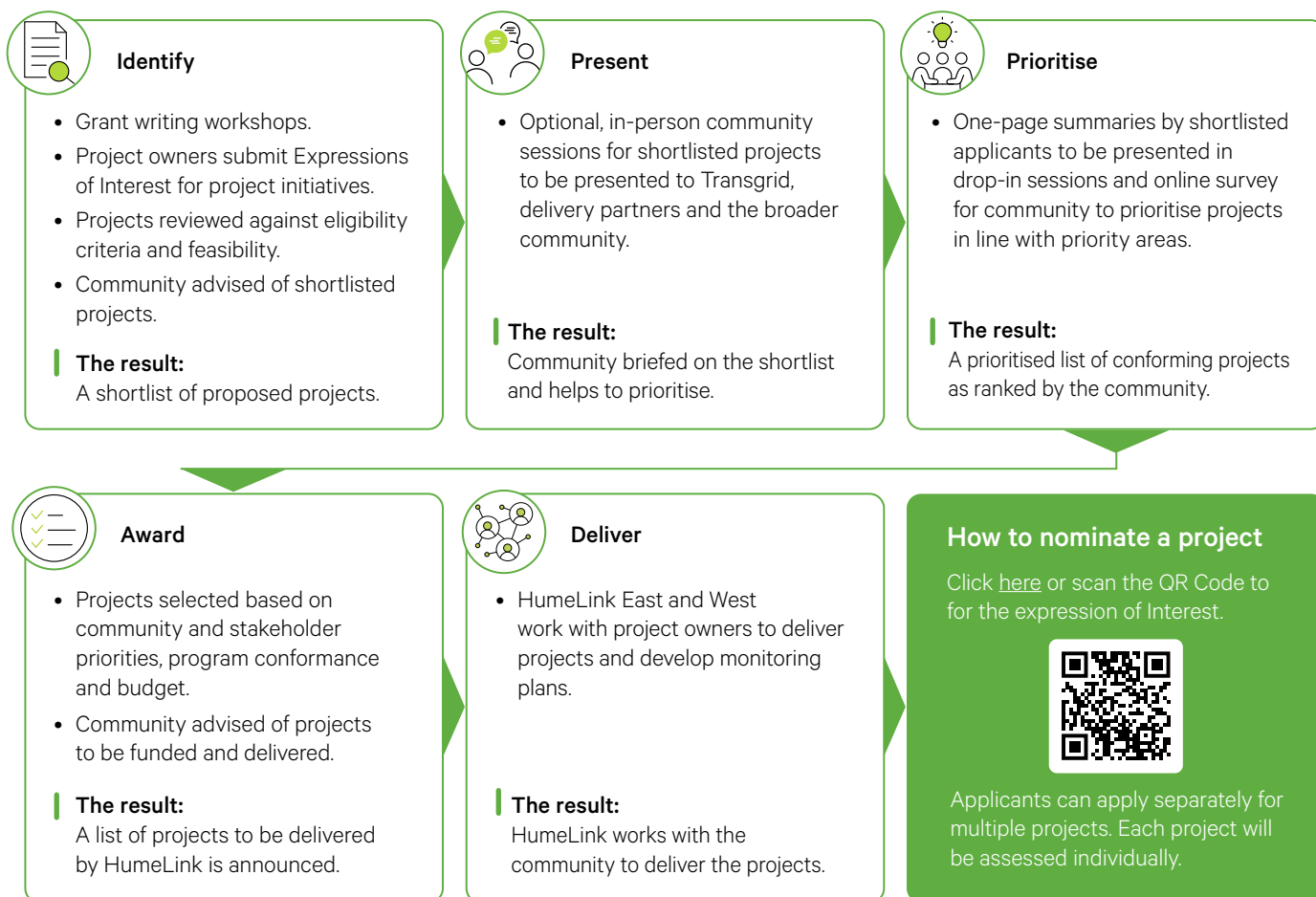


Figure 3: Chart showing the process for selection of Community Investment and Benefits Program.

Funding and budget

Transgrid is committed to ensuring HumeLink's community benefits and investment initiatives meets the needs of a broad cross-section of the communities where we are building infrastructure.

Our two delivery partners, HumeLink East and HumeLink West each have up to \$2 million available (\$4 million total) to support community investment initiatives.

Your project must benefit at least one of the listed local government areas. The amount available to deliver projects for communities in each area is proportionate to HumeLink's footprint in each local government area. The selected projects will be delivered by the HumeLink project, and budgets will be reviewed accordingly.

If you have any questions related to the eligibility of your project, please reach out to the HumeLink project team via phone on 1800 317 367 or via email on humelink@transgrid.com.au.



For an interpreter, call **131 450** and ask the service to call Transgrid on **1800 317 367**.

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