

Meeting minutes

TransGrid – Powering Sydney's Future CSRG

Project	Powering Sydney's Future Community and Stakeholder Reference Group	Date	29 July 2021
Venue	WebEx Meeting – provided via email	Time	5:00pm – 6:30pm
Chair	Brendan Blakeley, Elton Consulting	Recorder	Ella Burgess, Elton Consulting
Attendees	Jo Blackman – CRSG member Brian Hudson – CRSG member Jeff Senior - CRSG member David Crosby – CRSG member Wally Mehanna – CRSG member Mark McNearney - TransGrid Padraig Clifford – TransGrid Colin Mayer – TransGrid Peter Leate - TransGrid Nathan Menser – TransGrid Colin O'Mahony - Taihan Roos van Logtestijn - Taihan		

Item	Discussion Point
1.	Welcome and introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none">» The meeting began at 5:04pm.» The Chair welcomed all participants and acknowledged traditional custodians of Country.» The Chair outlined the purpose of the meeting and asked each participant to introduce themselves.
2.	Review of notes from previous meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">» The Chair called for comments on the previous meeting minutes. <i>Peter noted that the tree outside the Denison Road apartments mentioned in the previous minutes is actually across the road, not next to the Denison Street apartments. The matter was determined to not impact the overall minutes.</i>» No additional comments were made, and the meeting minutes were adopted.» The Chair called for other housekeeping matters. <i>No housekeeping matters were raised.</i>
3.	Work progress update <ul style="list-style-type: none">» Mark McNearney provided opening comments and welcomed participants to the meeting.<ul style="list-style-type: none">> Since the last meeting, the TransGrid team has been really pleased with the progress of the project. The project team has been able to overcome major challenges.> Towards the end of June, the project faced challenges with the implementation of lockdown.

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- > Road diversions and dealings with the community, particularly through offering respite, have been managed very well. Community engagement around offering respite has been incredible for the project. As a result of the community engagement, contractors have been able to progress work as quickly as possible.
 - > In the last month during COVID restrictions, urgent cable jointing work has progressed throughout the Canterbury Bankstown LGA. These jointers are specialists from South Korea who have a fixed end date (mid-August), and if the cable is left unterminated it runs a risk of endangering the whole of life for the cable.
 - > TransGrid is reviewing what work progression may look like going forward. Construction will continue outside of the restricted LGAs. Moving forward, updates will advise of project progression.
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4. Project news

- » Padraig Clifford provided an update on project news, (refer to pages 4 to 12 of the attached presentation).
- » Conduits & cables
 - > 100% of underground cables have been installed.
 - > Three cables have been installed in 19.7km of conduits.
 - > Cable 46 will be energised to supply the city of Sydney's CBD and surrounding areas with electricity for the next 45 years. Jointing of Cable 46 is yet to be completed.
- » Field overview
 - > Map showing completed and remaining work.
- » Remaining work
 - > Joint Bays still to be installed: three on Cable 46; five on Cable 47
 - > Cable 46 joint bays to be complete by 7 August. Specialist workers from Korea have been completing the work in Sydney since December 2020.
 - > Bedwin Road Bridge work is largely complete. Work still underway includes signage for cyclists and pedestrians, the addition of handrails and line markings.
 - > Concrete restoration for roadways, such as Addison Road and Old Canterbury Road, will continue from August. TransGrid has come to an agreement with Canterbury Bankstown Council where TransGrid will pay Council to progress with permanent restoration of the flexible pavement roads. Restoration work will be dependent on circumstances surrounding COVID. Discussions remain ongoing with Inner West Council regarding permanent restoration of roads within its area.
 - > Work at substations is also on track to restart next week.
- » COVID
 - > The NSW Government's Public Health Order to respond and manage COVID-19 has impacted the project's civil work, especially Cable 47. Urgent work, such as cable jointing, has continued because there was a risk to the quality and integrity of the cable if work was paused. Fibre optic work and work on the Cable 47 joint bays will restart in coming weeks.
 - > Where work is to continue, the project team must comply within significant restrictions. Work in the Canterbury Bankstown LGA is set to continue as construction restrictions are eased.
 - > TransGrid and its subcontractors are limiting the movement of project team members, particularly those who live in the LGAs of interest. Unfortunately, that impacts approximately 25% of the contractor workforce.
 - > Mandatory mask wearing has been enforced in both indoor and outdoor settings.
 - > Engagement activity via door knocking has stopped in recognition of the health orders.

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- Field update
- » Substations
 - > Discussion on the work TransGrid is delivering within its substation locations for the PSF project.
 - » Cable 47
 - > Discussion on the joint bay fabrication and installation process.
 - > Discussion on what inside the joint bays look like after the cables are joined.
 - » Trenching and conduit installation
 - > Discussion of trenching and conduit installation.
 - > TransGrid noted the difficulty of trenching work when old services are uncovered. In May Street, St Peters, a 900mm diameter Jemena gas main was found. TransGrid was given permission to remove it, which provided TransGrid an opportunity to consolidate its footprint by using the space which was occupied by the abandoned gas main.
 - > TransGrid noted the positive collaboration with Jemena.
 - » June long weekend and nightwork
 - > Over the June long weekend, the project team was granted 24 hour working access to Edgeware Road following successful collaboration with Transport for NSW's Transport Management Centre. The June long weekend proved to be a great opportunity to complete 200 metres of trenching work. The ability to work night and day meant the job was done faster, with less impact on the community (20 fewer night shifts).
 - > While work was planned to occur for about three to four days, it was completed 24 hours inside the planned timeframe.
 - » The Chair called for questions.

No questions were noted from the group.

- » The Chair asked if the intention is for the joint bays to be waterproof.

Padraig answered that they do take water in, but the backfill of sand is what allows it to be wet, the cable system is designed to operate safely in this environment.

5. **Community and stakeholder engagement**

- » Peter gave an update of community and stakeholder engagement since the last meeting.
- » Community engagement: High impact work
 - > Discussed the efficiencies of 24 hour work process: noisy work can be completed during the day, and quieter work completed at night. The ongoing work will minimise packing up and setting out at the start and end of all shifts.
 - > TransGrid was able to work on some regional roads on 24/7 access, but work along the Princes Highway was all done at night.
 - > Four weeks of nightwork were completed over the June long weekend along Edgeware Road. To update the community, door knocking was completed leading up to the work. 83 hours of work was completed in 65 hours.
 - > Peter noted that there was great cooperation from the community, particularly along May Street.
 - > A key focus for the community engagement on this work has been consistent communication with the community through door knocking and talking through offerings of respite. The team was very proactive in discussing options with residents in advance of work starting adjacent to their property.

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- > Businesses on May Street and Addison Road have been particularly impacted. TransGrid assisted these businesses by openly discussing potential loss of trade claims, as well as offering access to a business mentoring program to help build business resilience beyond the end of the PSF project.
 - > TransGrid has made provision to support up to 13 local businesses to join the mentoring program.
- » The Chair called for questions.

No questions were noted from the group.

- » Mark noted the good work that has been done by the community engagement team, particularly in areas where a high number of complaints could have been lodged. The proactive nature of the engagement team through offering respite before construction work occurred was hugely successful.
- » A dedicated case manager for business claims and respite offerings has made the process as seamless as possible, ensuring the best outcome could be reached for the community.
- » Complaints Management
- » Nathan gave an overview of complaints management across the three impacted LGAs since the last meeting. [Refer to slides 17 to 19 of the presentation.]
 - > With current COVID restrictions, when work restarts after the construction pause, the project team will engage the community via notifications.
 - > At selected areas on the project, there are also weekly email updates to residents.
 - > Peter commented that TransGrid will soon be reinstating a garden bed on the corner of Grove Road and Constitution Road following consultation with Council on species. The team has already spoken to Jo to provide feedback on the plans.

Jo commented that there is a residential duplex closest to the corner and residents of the duplex would like a tree that can offer filtering from traffic and lights but she will talk offline with Peter about this.

- » The Chair called for questions.

David noted that the decreased amount of complaints being fielded for the project in the Inner West LGA shows that the project is coming to a close.

- » Greening initiatives and community grants
- » Peter gave an overview of the grants process
 - > Local grassroots and greening projects are the key initiatives TransGrid want to support as they finish up work in the various LGAs.
 - > Peter encouraged members to put forward nominations.
 - > The community tree planting day on World Environment Day was a huge success at Mary McKillop Park. The local community, Council Officers and the local MP were all present.
 - > Peter asked Jeff to pass on his thanks to the Council as they had a great and enthusiastic presence on the day.
- » Community partnerships
 - > TransGrid has finalised payment to the 2nd Canterbury Scout Group for refurbishment of its Scout Hall in Ashbury.

Brian thanked Peter for TransGrid's work supporting the Canterbury Scout Group.

- > The Inner West Environment Group has received support to help people make their gardens attractive to native birds.

Jo commented that this is a way for people to have three free plants with an educational workshop from an experienced regenerator.

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- > Peter noted that COVID may slow the workshop process but TransGrid is very interested in getting people along to the workshops.
 - > TransGrid is currently working with the Inner West Council and Transport for NSW to plan an official opening for the Bedwin Road Bridge. It is being planned for late August, but that timing may have to be re-evaluated due to COVID. Some constructive conversations have been had with the Inner West Council in regard to possible application of Aboriginal murals on some facades.
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6. General discussion

- » The Chair called for questions.

Brian commented that with the metro line going to Bankstown, they are building the services buildings along each of the stations. He asked if any of these structures are to assist with power supply to the stations?

- » Mark answered that they are not related, and separate projects.
- » Padraig noted that the energy supply for Sydney Metro is from an Ausgrid substation and not TransGrid.

Jeff asked that, COVID permitting, would TransGrid only have testing in Canterbury Bankstown to complete?

- » Padraig answered that there are a number of places TransGrid cannot return to for future cable 47 work. Necessary quality activities are needed to proceed with the 46 testing in late August/early September, that activity is minor in nature of disruption.
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7. Meeting close

- » The Chair noted that the next meeting will occur 28 October at 5pm.
- » The Chair called for closing comments.

Peter thanked the members for participating in the meeting. Big thank you to Jeff from Canterbury Bankstown Council for assisting with progressing the permanent road reinstatement.

- » The meeting closed at 6:28pm.
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Powering Sydney's Future

Potts Hill to Alexandria transmission cable project

Community & Stakeholder Reference Group (CSRG)
presentation

July 2021

Welcome from Project Director

Project News

Conduits and Cables

Video link

<https://youtu.be/iQbCC8X-qKI>

Video date: 08 July 2021

Since this video...

100% of underground cable installed

Completed work

Work

Conduits:
19.7km installed

Cable:
59.1km installed

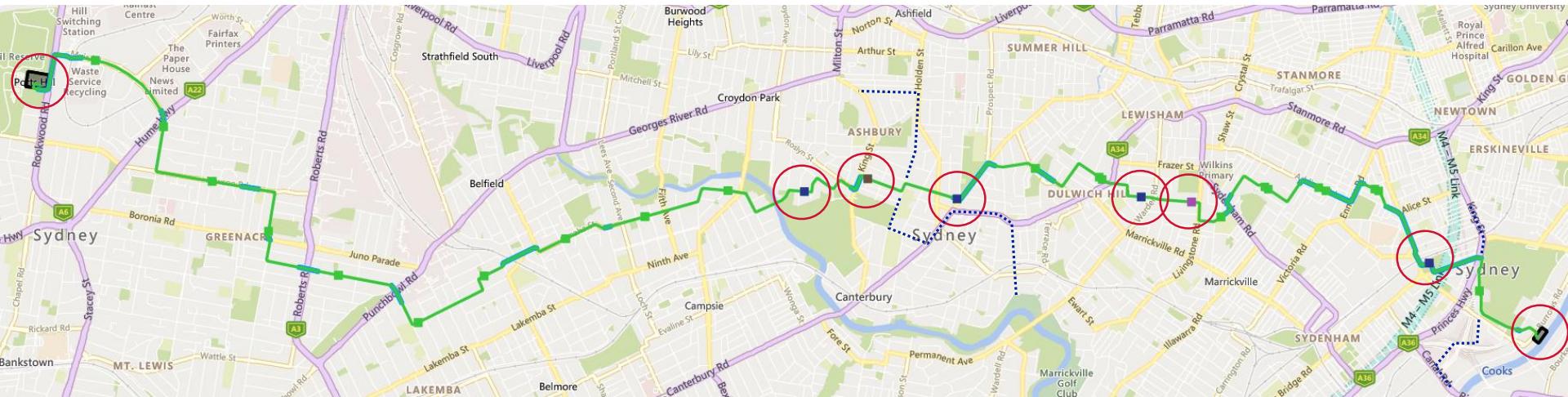
Underbores:
15 complete

Cable 46 Joint Bays:
23 installed

*Final cable installed at Camenville Park
(24 July 2021)*



Field overview



Completed work in green

Red circles – Location of remaining work: joint bays for future Cable 47, substations, Bedwin Road Bridge

..... Council LGA Boundaries

Remaining work

Work	Status
Cable 47 Joint Bays (future)	78% (18 of 23 installed)
Cable joining	87% (20 of 23 joined)
Bedwin Road Bridge	Work substantially complete; Handrails / fittings recently installed
Permanent restoration	Concrete reinstatement largely complete; Working with Councils on resurfacing local roads
Substation works	In progress, on schedule

COVID-19 Public Health Order

Ceased construction work,
except for urgent/critical work



PSF could not afford to pause work on cable installation and joining – risk of damage or degrading of cables

Site specific measures included:

Compliance with NSW Public Health order requirement (in particular, for workers residing in the listed LGA's with high case numbers)

Contract workers required to conduct weekly surveillance COVID testing and present results on request

Mandatory
mask wearing

Ceased door
knocking activity

Adjusting planned
work schedule

Field update - Substations

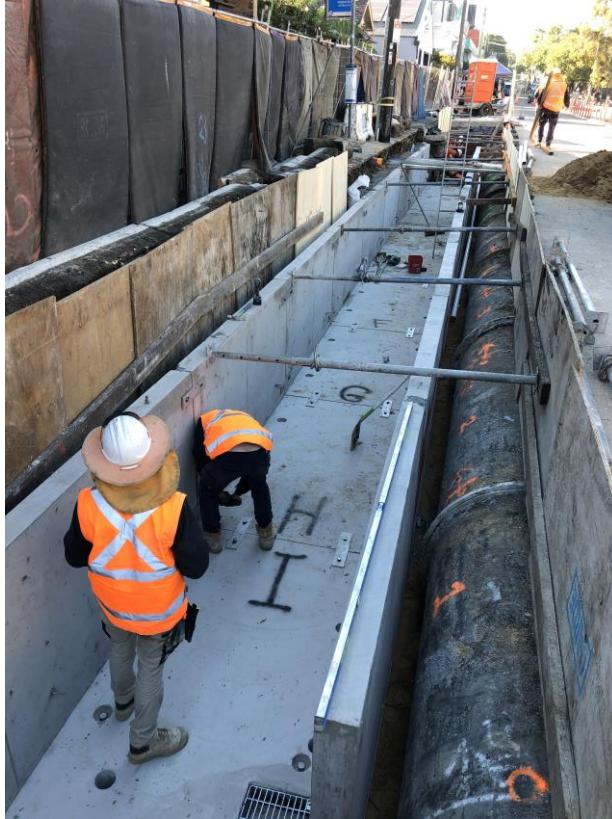


Rookwood Road Substation – installation of switching equipment



Sydney South Substation – HV equipment steel support structures

Field update



Delivery and installation of joint bay (Cable 47) on Addison Road, Marrickville (April 2021)

Field update



Conduits installed, awaiting backfill – May Street, St Peters



330kV Joints complete at Joint Bay 13/14, Hanks Street Ashfield

Field update

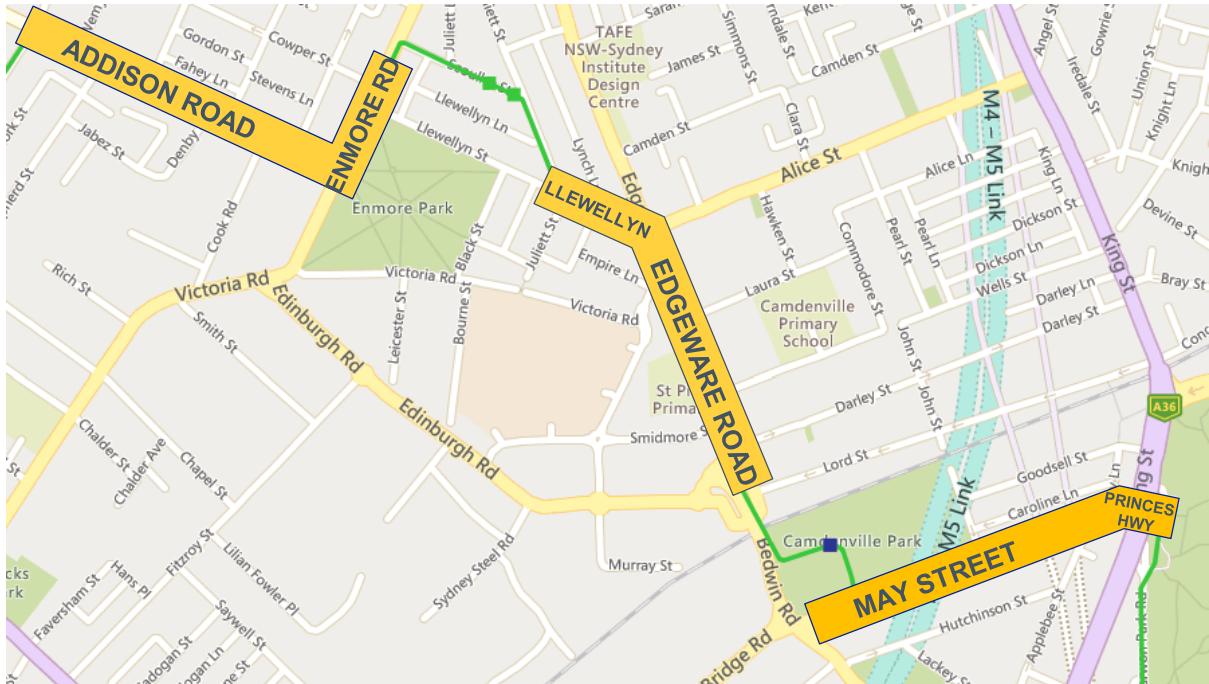


Trenching work and road surface reinstatement, Edgware Road, June Long Weekend

Community and stakeholder

Community engagement: High impact work

- 2021 - Key focus: Delivery of high impact work in residential Inner West
- “Test” case for 24/7 work: Old Canterbury Road, Ashfield/Dulwich Hill in Jan/Feb 2021
- Ongoing liaison with TMC to gain approvals
- 24/7 work increased rate of progress and minimised duration in communities; facilitated noisy work to be done during daytime



Community engagement: High impact work

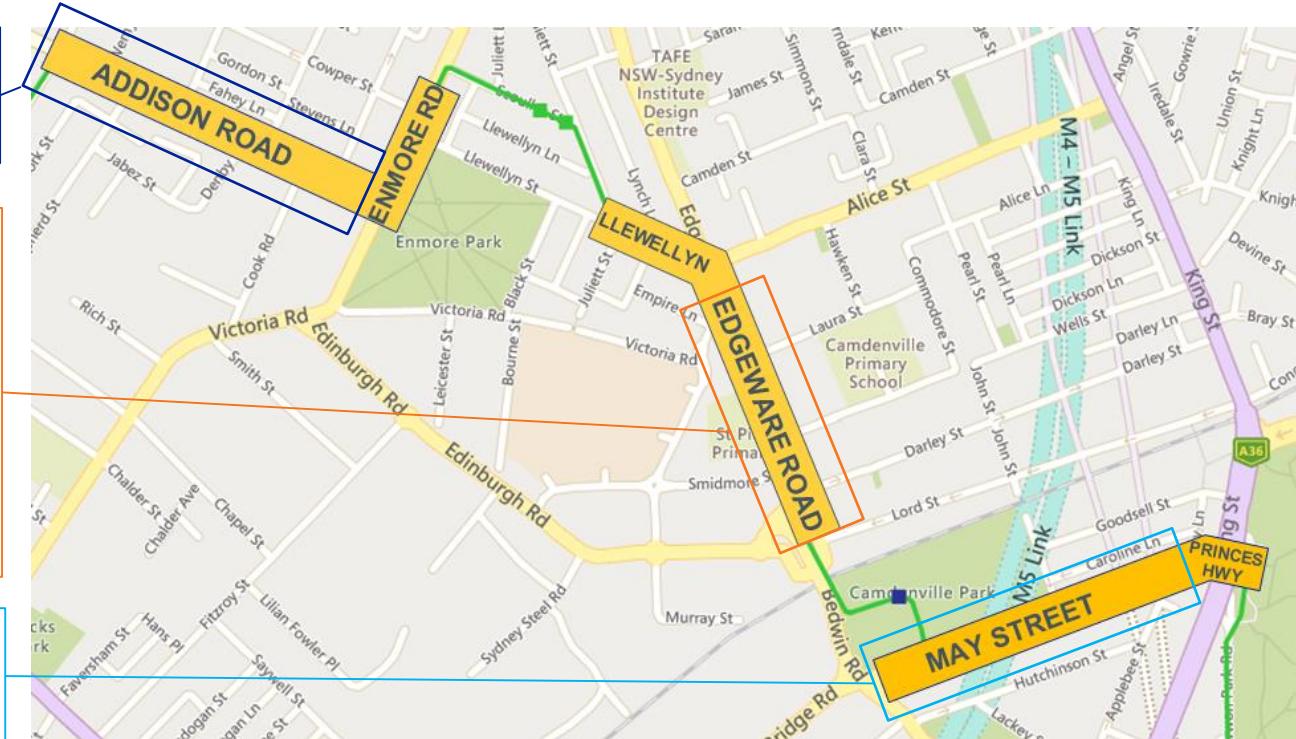
What the “24/7 schedule” meant in practical terms:

Addison Road (Stage 1):
Planned night work for 9 weeks
completed in 5 weeks

Edgware Road (~230m trench): Planned night work for 4 weeks completed in June Long Weekend; Saved 20 night shifts

June Long weekend: 83 hours of planned works completed in about 65 hours

May Street: Planned night work for 4-5 weeks completed in 2 weeks



Community engagement: High impact work

Process:

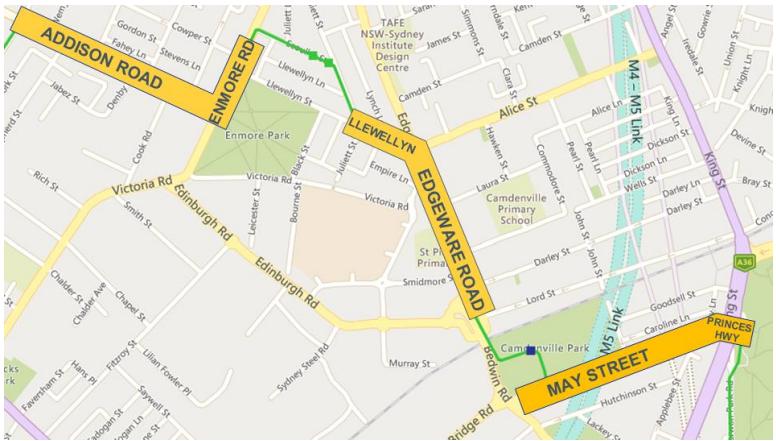
- Door knock residents / businesses ahead of work
- Discussed offers of ‘respite’ to assist residents
- Working closely with businesses affected by proximity of work to premises to understand issues

During work:

- Respite as accommodation or entertainment voucher for impacted residents
- Impacted businesses lodging claims (loss of trade)
- Weekly email updates

Support:

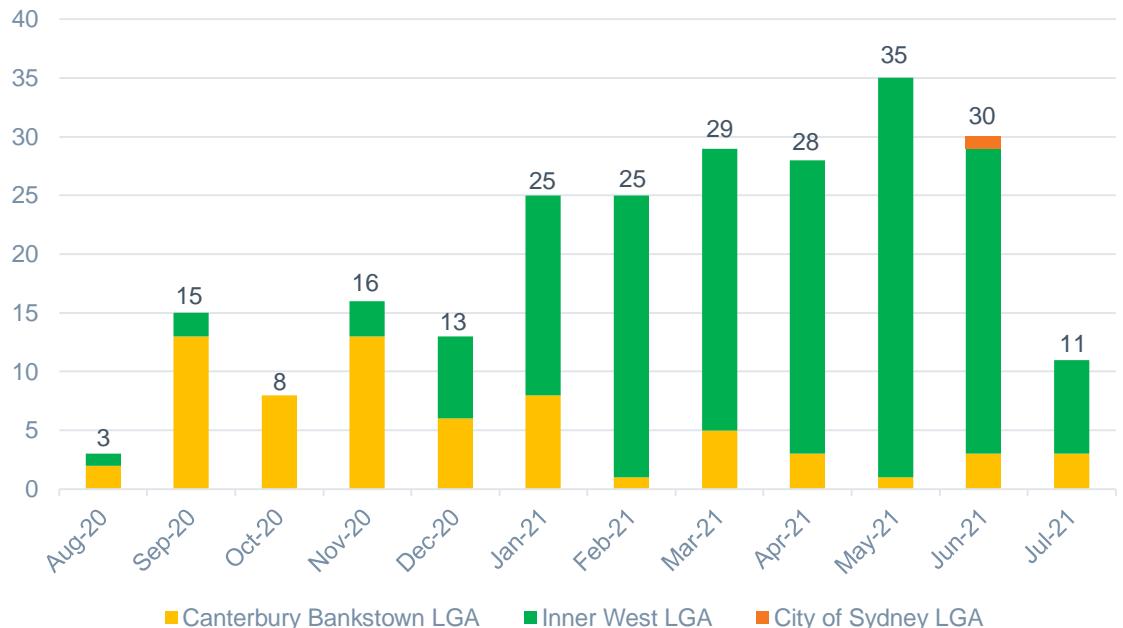
- TransGrid offering impacted businesses a mentoring program to support and grow their business, post-TransGrid work



Offer	Number
Respite	28 residences supported
Business Mentoring	13 businesses

Complaints management

Total number of complaints, by month

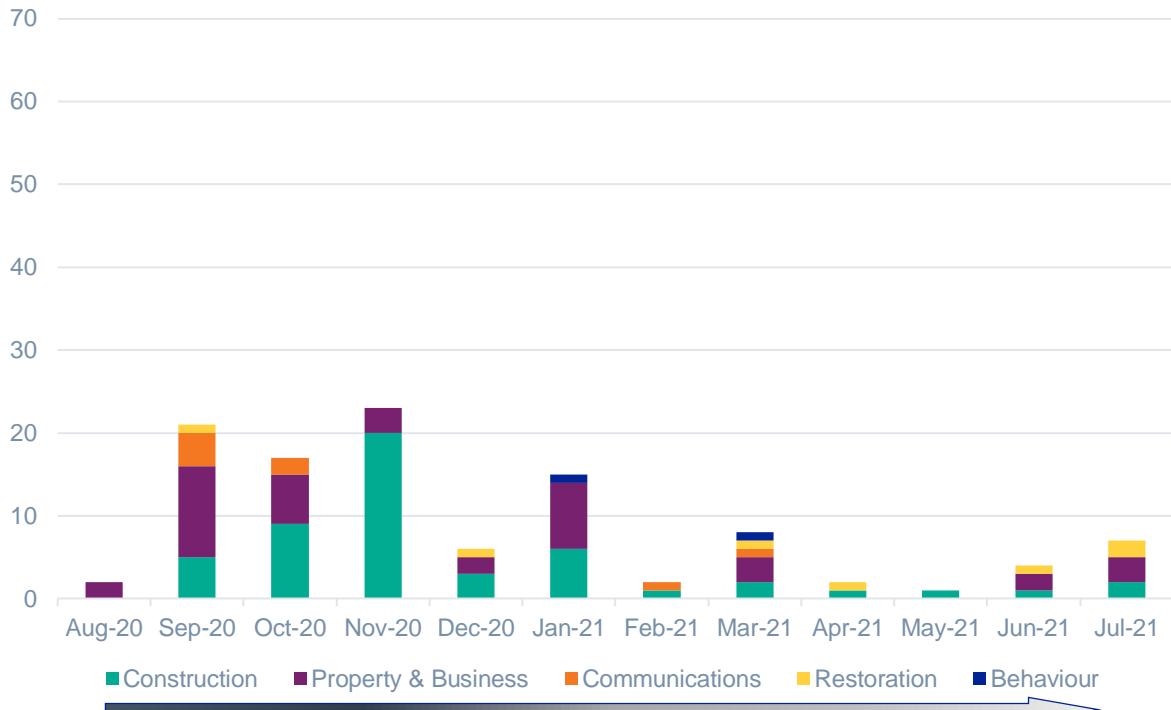


- Total of **239** complaints for the project from 26 August 2020 until 27 July 2021

LGA	Total	Complaints since last meeting 29 Apr – 27 Jul
City of Canterbury Bankstown	66	8
Inner West Council	172	71
City of Sydney	1	1

Theme of complaints – Canterbury Bankstown

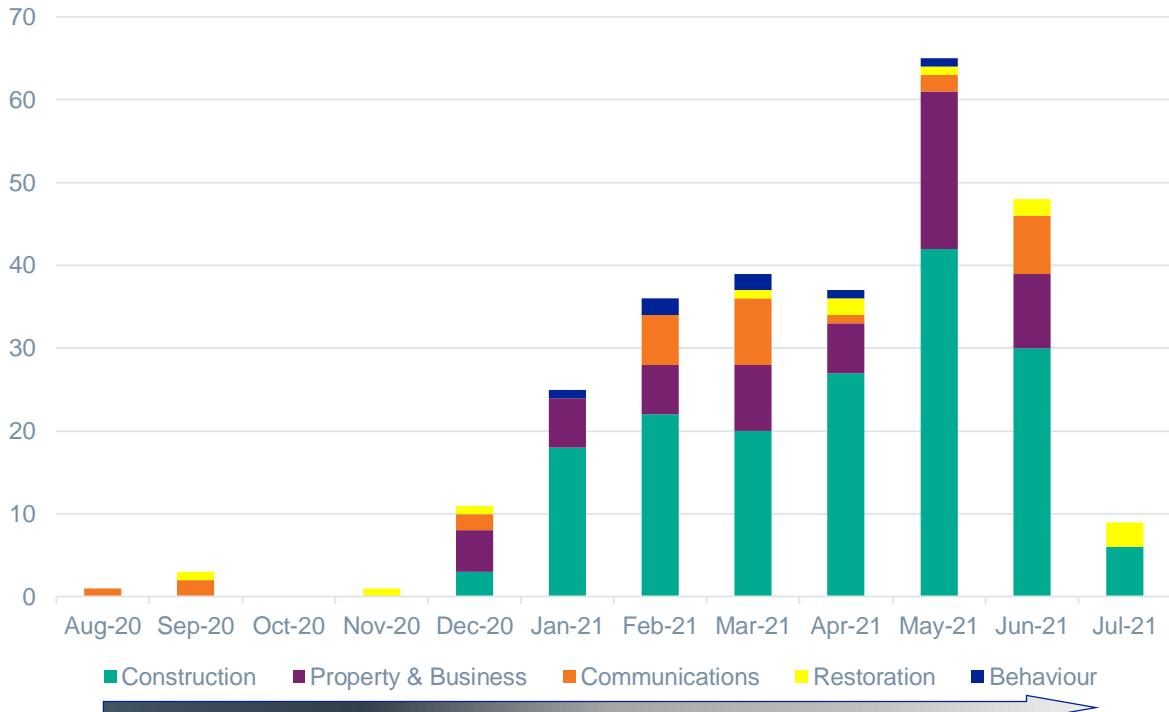
Number of themes raised in complaints, by month



Theme	Specific issue
Construction	Traffic & Transport
	Noise & Vibration
	Safety
	Parking
	Working hours
	Air quality
Property & Business	Cumulative impacts
	Property access
	Property damage
	EMF
Communications	Property compensation
	Notification of work
	Consultation
Restoration	Restoration
Behaviour	Worker behaviour

Theme of complaints – Inner West

Number of themes raised in complaints, by month



Theme	Specific issue
Construction	Noise & Vibration
	Parking
	Traffic & Transport
	Working hours
	Safety
	Air quality
	Waste management
	Water & soil
	Visual amenity
	Cumulative impacts
	Utility interruption
	Vegetation
Property & Business	Property access
	Property damage
	Socio-economic
	EMF
Communications	Consultation
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Community partnerships

Community grants

- TransGrid wants to give back to the communities we are working in through supporting community greening and local grass roots projects
- Applications for grants are encouraged - recommendations for local projects and initiatives are welcome from CSRG members

Community partnerships: World Environment Day

Video link

<https://youtu.be/UNMhjkN0XT4>

Video date: 05 June 2021

Community partnerships



Create Habitat for Small Birds

Do you love small birds?

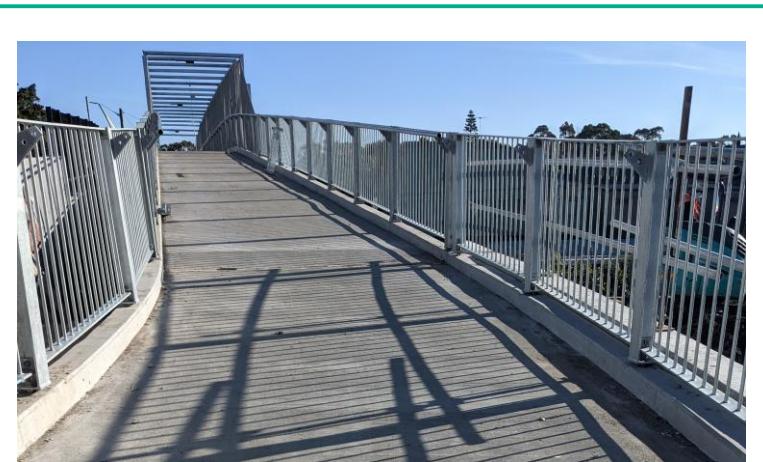
Would you like **3 free plants** to start providing shelter and food in your garden?

To find out more about birdscaping your garden, call at:

Inner West Environment Group – Birdscaping workshops



2nd Canterbury Scout Group, Ashbury Scout Hall – Refurbishment



Bedwin Road Bridge – official opening (pending) and artwork

Any other business

Questions

Next meeting:

Thursday 28 October 2021, 5pm – 6.30pm

Contact the project team

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Thank you

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