

1.1 HumeLink Snowy Valley Community Consultative Group: 8th Meeting 23 November 2022

Time	5 - 7pm
Date	23/11/2022
Attendees	<p>Chair: Brian Elton</p> <p>Secretariat: Ella Burgess</p> <p>Transgrid CCG members: Naomi Rowe, Nathan Rhodes</p> <p>Transgrid project member attendees: Tammy Sinclair, Cameron Walters, Daryl White, Samantha Willoughby</p> <p>Community members: Hansie Armour, Lee Kingma, Ian Robson, Paul Sturgess, Pippa Quilty, Rebecca Tobin, Sarah Roche, Mayor Ian Chaffey as proxy for Cr Julia Ham, Phil Clements</p>
Apologies	Rod Stowe, Barbara El Gamal
Meeting location	Tumut Valley Motel
Meeting materials	Presentation
Purpose of meeting	Meeting 8

Item	Discussion Summary	To note
Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The meeting commenced at 5pm. - The Chair welcomed all and gave an Acknowledgement of Country. - The Chair asked the community CCG members and the team from Transgrid to introduce themselves and their role in the HumeLink project. 	
Minutes and Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Previous comments received on the minutes were taken into account in the revised minutes from CCG meeting 7. <p><i>The minutes of the previous meeting have been endorsed by the Chair and will shortly be posted to the Transgrid website.</i></p>	
HumeLink Progress Update	<p>Nathan gave an overview of HumeLink's progress to date.</p> <p>See slide 6 of the presentation for an update on HumeLink's progress.</p> <p>Program update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Transgrid received feedback from the CCGs that there was a desire to see where HumeLink is positioned in the 	

broader energy market to give context on the key drivers of the project.

- Transgrid is in constant dialogue with AEMO, who are focussed on ensuring the electrical system is able to sustainably operate.
- There are a number of major projects Transgrid is currently developing:
 - o Project Energy Connect \$1.8 billion (800MW). Runs from South Australia to Wagga Wagga and has just begun construction. Energy Connect must be commissioned by 2024 due to the current instability in the market which is being caused by the closure of coal fire power stations in Victoria and the Hunter region in NSW. For that reason, several projects have been accelerated.
 - o HumeLink \$3.3 billion (2400MW) is due for energisation in July 2026.
 - o VNI West \$1.6 billion (TBC MW). Connect north western Victoria to Wagga.
- Transgrid is working hard to streamline the projects, to secure energy supply to regional NSW. Currently, there is limited capacity in the Australian market to deliver these projects.
- The key reason for the three projects is to connect the renewables that are being generated in South Australia into the system to provide market stability. There is pressure on the current system to ensure that increased energy generation can be brought into the market.
- VNI West in Victoria has been brought forward by several years.
- A CCG member asked when the \$3.3 billion costing for HumeLink will reflect today's dollars.
- Nathan responded that the AER use certain indices. Transgrid does not translate the numbers until they have their second amount of funding approved from the AER. The detailed design for the project needs to be completed before a new number can be produced.

Regulatory and Contingent Project Application update

- Transgrid has met with and been working with the relevant consumer advocate group.
- As noted in previous CCG meetings, 10% of the project funding has been released by the AER. This is the first time that this process has been used on a major project such as HumeLink.
- The release of the preliminary funding is referred to as CPA-1. The objectives of CPA-1 are to develop the project to ensure there is a quality CPA-2 submission to the AER. The submission must demonstrate prudence and efficiency with a high degree of confidence of total out turn costs.
- Key areas of the submission will include concept designs, preliminary investigations, delivery contractor engagement and early works, EIS, booking production slots of long lead equipment and property option agreements. The expectation is that will all achieve class 2/3 estimates.
- The program schedule must be adhered to meet the accelerated timeline of July 2026.

Key CPA-1 activities include:

Key CPA-1 Activities		STATUS
CPA-2 Preparation (includes Financial Modelling & AEMO feedback loop)	●	Not Started
Procurement of Delivery Contractor (EOI\ECI)	●	In progress
Procurement of Long Lead Equipment and Materials (booking of production slots and commence early design and prototyping works)	●	Not Started
Delivery Contract (SP1) – Detailed Designs & Early Works	●	Not Started
Community and Stakeholder Engagement Activities	●	In progress
Environmental Impact Statement (all technical studies for preparation and subsequent approval of EIS)	●	In progress
Concept Designs	●	Complete
Investigations (Geotech and other studies)	●	In progress
Detailed Land Valuations & Landowner Negotiations	●	In progress
Land Option Agreements in place	●	In progress
Wagga Wagga 500kV Substation ('Gugaa') land acquisition	●	In progress

- The Chair asked if the progress status as displayed above is common practise for reporting progress?

- Nathan confirmed that progress reporting is common across major projects.
- Transgrid has been developing strategies to secure the supply of materials as there is great demand for materials globally and a very disruptive supply chain.
- Transgrid are currently in tender for the first large slot of equipment which includes transformers and shunt reactors. Securing a slot in the equipment supply chain is a big risk for all major projects in Australia.
- Transgrid is proactively purchasing a slot in the manufacturing line to ensure the risk of delivery is mitigated.
- Concept designs have been completed and Transgrid is ready to provide that information to the delivery partners. A key component of the concept designs is getting feedback from the community to further the intensive engineering effort.
- Understanding the ground conditions is key in the design decisions to ensure optimisation.
- \$360 million has been approved for the project, and \$80 million has been used. Transgrid has a big focus on prudent expenditure and being as transparent as possible with the AER.

Procurement and construction

- Transgrid are in week 6 of 10 in the current procurement process.
- Currently there are three bidders competing for the work, including:
 - o Acciona Construction Australia Pty Ltd
 - o Downer Utilities Australia Pty Ltd and Consolidated Power Projects Australia
 - o UGL Engineering Pty Ltd
- Two bidders will then be shortlisted, one to complete the Eastern work, and one to complete the Western work for about \$1 billion each. There is a need to ensure the shortlisted companies are resilient and have a strong understanding of regional NSW and aspects such as supply chain risks.

- Transgrid has launched the HumeLink Local Business Register and want to engage in dialogue at a local level to give contractors visibility of what is available across the regions. Transgrid has put in place the register to drive some significant outcomes for regional NSW. Transgrid is looking at what local capabilities are available.
- The register will be used by the project team and major construction contractors as planning progresses and opportunities arise.
- The HumeLink local business register is located on the [HumeLink website](#).
- A CCG member suggested that Transgrid cannot begin procurement until the route has been finalised.
- Nathan responded that there are some activities such as ground investigations where Transgrid are using local capabilities. The ability to progress with procurement depends on the activities and funding available. Transgrid will ensure local capabilities are utilised where possible.
- A CCG member commented that the materials, route and EIS have not been settled and therefore it seems as though these shortlisted companies cannot do anything until those components are settled.
- A CCG member noted that there are still people within the community that believe undergrounding is still a viable option. Transgrid's answers make it seem as though undergrounding is still being considered, whilst at the same time Transgrid is engaging with suppliers and contractors to go forward with overhead.
- Nathan noted that Transgrid is only buying slots for the equipment to secure the ability to purchase the materials. If the project shifts, they will be able to pivot.
- A CCG member asked if Transgrid are buying slots for equipment dedicated to undergrounding.
- Nathan confirmed Transgrid is not.
- The Chair reinforced the message that unless the regulatory space changes,

Transgrid's preferred position is overhead. Should the regulatory environment change, there is flexibility to switch out of the current procurement mode to undergrounding.

- Nathan commented that it is a high-risk game. Transgrid is buying slots to buy the equipment in the future when the money will be there in the future. All of Transgrid's projects are based on what they are allowed to build under the regulations.
- A CCG member asked if Transgrid's investors will see a return in three years.
- Nathan noted that it was his understanding it was a 20 year long period. The nature of the investment in Transgrid is long term, relatively low yield.
- Naomi noted that over the last few weeks she has participated in workshops with each of the three shortlisted firms to dive deeply to expectations around approach and key values. Transgrid is exploring options to ensure their Australian participation plans are being rolled out. This means that the local LGAs and adjacent areas that the project goes through are thoroughly considered and understood by the contractors. Transgrid needs to understand how the contractors will engage various packages of work and size them to be appropriate for local entities. The packaging of these works also needs to consider support for local contractors regarding insurance and various other aspects associated with scale that hinder local entities from being engaged.
- Naomi noted that Transgrid is working through how locals can be provided with opportunities to upskill and partake in training.
- The Local Business Register is one part of a detailed local industry participation drive. The register is important because it's the first thing Transgrid is asking the community to refer to regarding local procurement.
- Nathan commented that Transgrid would like feedback on the approach they

should take to make sure everyone is aware of the local opportunities.

- The Chair asked the CCG what they deemed the best channels are for the local business register to be distributed in the community.
- A CCG member asked what the actual opportunities will be for the community.
- The Chair responded that the opportunities can range by sector right down to the trade level.
- Naomi noted that Transgrid is looking at a broad set of opportunities because the project is procuring opportunities from training, civil engineering through to design, administration, venue hire, catering etc. As Transgrid progresses with the contractors, they are narrowing down the required skills through determining what they have in house and what can be procured locally. The list will continually be refined.
- The Chair noted that the main opportunities would stem from engineering, printing, design, catering, venue hire and administration.
- A CCG member asked what techniques Transgrid is considering to engage with the community.
- The Chair responded that trade peaks could be used, local economic development officers, Chambers of Commerce, business network reps etc.
- Cameron noted that Transgrid can find the right officer in Council and send across the information.
- A CCG member noted that Snowy Hydro 2.0 did a similar exercise through organising several evenings with the Chamber of Commerce.
- Naomi confirmed this would be a good idea. Transgrid is also considering meet the buyer events and providing opportunities for the community to meet with the contractor to determine the local appetite.
- A CCG member noted that it is Transgrid's responsibility to determine and implement the opportunities for the local community to engage with them and the contractors.

Design update

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Tower locations

- Nathan noted that there is still a lot of work to be completed before tower locations can be 100% confirmed.
- Nathan confirmed that Transgrid has come up with a process to disclose tower locations.
- In determining the final tower locations, Transgrid has some flexibility which is important for several reasons, including working with landowners and respecting First Nation's sites.
- The exact tower locations are still to be confirmed. The Property Management Plans will be used to optimise placement along the easement.
- The Chair noted that Place Managers are having conversations with landowners around easement access etc as the tower locations are determined.
- The Chair emphasised the importance of including the most accurate tower locations as possible in the EIS. If accurate tower locations are not disclosed in the EIS, then the reason why not must be clearly articulated.
- Naomi noted that there will be more than 800 towers across the route. The average distance between each tower will be approximately 400m, depending on the gradient of the land. Some towers will be closer together and others spread out, and there will be flexibility determining the locations of those towers. If Transgrid discloses the estimated tower locations to the public, it will be a case of spreading misinformation in the community. The locations of the towers will be changing based on feedback from landowners. Transgrid is trying to work with landowners to find the best locations, but there are also tensions with neighbouring landowners that need to be worked through as well.
- One reason for the geo-tech studies is to understand the ground conditions and ensure the best possible constructability. In the end, it will come down to the design and the way the contractor constructs the towers, within that scope there will be options to move the towers. Not all the information will be available until the actual construction period so only then will towers be able

to be moved. Transgrid is hesitant to release the current tower locations, as they will not be the final locations of the towers. The Land Access Managers are working with landowners to discuss the indicative tower locations.

- Transgrid understands that unless landowners know the locations of the towers, it is hard to determine the actual impacts of the projects, but those details are not known yet.
- The Chair noted it was his personal view that disclosing the tower locations is an education process for the community as well. Transgrid should take the community and landowners through the process of determining the tower locations, explaining why the locations are indicative. It is very important that anything that goes into public arena is defined as being interim. Taking people and the community on that journey is powerful and is an important education piece so people understand why the towers may move.
- A CCG member commented that the lines with dots illustrating towers is not helpful. What is the status of Transgrid procuring better visual aid?
- Nathan noted that Transgrid has been able to put together a number of photo montages for various landowners who have requested them. The 3D modelling software that was spoken about at the last CCG meeting has been delayed due to cyber security concerns, however it is still progressing. Transgrid is committed to showing people what the lines will look like, especially during the EIS process. There will be digital components of the EIS that will display various visual aspects.
- Nathan noted that it is a case of not only working with impacted landowners but neighbours as well who may be impacted by tower location changes.
- The Chair noted that by the time the EIS is submitted, it will only look at the initial concept locations of the towers.
- A CCG member asked that when the towers are being constructed, will the contractor review the tower locations? Will there be a tension between the contractor, Transgrid and the landowner?
- Nathan noted that is part of the procurement process. Transgrid has

	<p>completed a component of the design and specified the outcomes they want to see, and have contractually incentivised the contractors to meet those outcomes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A CCG member commented that there is speculation in the community there is going to be a second line going in in the next 15 years. This adds to the whole equation of visual impacts and tower locations – TAKEN ON NOTICE. - A CCG member commented that the towers will be a blot on the landscape and asked what considerations have been taken into account regarding bushfires. It was noted there has been no follow up from the bushfire workshop that occurred months ago. - It was noted this comment would be addressed during the bushfire agenda item. 	
<p>Undergrounding</p>	<p>Undergrounding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nathan noted that since the last CCG meeting, there has been a HumeLink Undergrounding Steering Committee meeting. - The report from GHD has been modified to address more of the 52 outstanding issues. Transgrid has requested a copy of the modified report with track changes and this will be distributed to the Steering Committee when it is received from GHD. - Transgrid will be providing their responses in a letter by the end of November along with the modified report with track changes. - Nathan noted that Transgrid recognises the various views on the contentious points within the report and that it is important to emphasise that Transgrid is operating within the confines of the AER and AEMO. Undergrounding does have benefits but there are limitations that do not make it feasible. The report remains to be an important advocacy piece. - Naomi noted that once the Steering Committee had seen the amended report with the tracked changes, the final version of the report will be published on the website, along with Transgrid’s response. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nathan added that because the report is independent, the integrity of the document is very important. - Naomi reiterated that Transgrid’s response would be circulated by the end of November. - A CCG member of the Steering Committee noted that they have looked at the same report with no changes so many times, it is now insulting to them. The Steering Committee requested responses from GHD within 24 hours and it has been 3 months. Transgrid’s responses have also come through 4 months late, which is completely disrespectful. It was noted the Steering Committee are hoping for honest feedback from Transgrid about the numbers in the GHD report being incorrect and unbalanced. - It was noted Daniel Burn has resigned from Transgrid. - A CCG member noted that Transgrid put parameters on the easement size, 5m each side, 4m between each cable. In the last conversation with Dan, it was noted that there is a possibility the sizes could be reduced to 2m which would have a huge impact. TAKEN ON NOTICE - Nathan noted that it is very unfortunate that the 52 outstanding issues were left for so long from GHD, however the issues have now been reduced to 11. - A CCG member commented that if there is no change to the cost, which is all Transgrid seem to be really concerned about, then the report will remain unresolved. - Nathan reinforced that the report is independent and Transgrid has to form their own view of the report. - A CCG member commented that having an unbalanced report in the public is a corporate risk and is only damaging the undergrounding industry. 	
<p>Route refinement</p>	<p>Route refinement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nathan noted that there were calls from the community to review the route between Tumut and Bannaby, for that reason the Red Hat Review was conducted by MacroPlan. There has been 	

a lot of behind the scenes work completed to ensure the needs of the community are incorporated and some potentially viable options have been deduced.

- Nathan has met with the Department of Planning and Environment for clarity on these potential options before Transgrid can finalise its view.
- DPE has committed to coming back to Transgrid with advice on the options in the near future.
- There were many difficulties to overcome to start considering other options this late in the project, DPE's advice will be key to moving forward.
- Naomi noted that if the advice from DPE is released before the next CCG meeting in December, it will be shared with members.
- A CCG member asked if Transgrid has consulted with the new impacted people along the route.
- Nathan responded that the new route is mainly State owned.
- A CCG member asked about the Greenhills option and the results.
- Nathan noted they would be shared at the next CCG meeting.
- Nathan noted that where the current alignment between Tumut and Bannaby goes through private land, Transgrid has investigated putting it through the Greenhill's state forest. The planning risk is getting that route approved and assessed in time without having to delay the approval time.
- The Chair noted that if the change in route is considered a material change, then the process may need to start again, however if it is deemed to be only a refinement, then the process would only be a modification.
- A CCG member asked if the refinement is different to what has been circulated on maps and if Land Access Managers have been involved in discussions with newly impacted people on the route.
- Nathan confirmed that they have.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A CCG member noted that Transgrid has a definitive definition of what impact is. Whilst Transgrid is saying they will minimise the impact, there will still be those who are impacted. A landowner recently confirmed they are no longer impacted by the route between Tumut and Bannaby. Has Transgrid spoken to those who will be newly impacted? - Naomi confirmed that those people have been informed and spoken to. - A CCG member requested that when the changes to the route are confirmed, can a map to scale be circulated - ACTION 	
<p>Stakeholder engagement</p>	<p>Stakeholder engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Transgrid has been working with the Rural Fire Service to further develop the bushfire steering committee. At the moment, the RFS' resources are tied up responding to the flood crisis. - Transgrid has politely escalated the importance of the issue with a long-term view but respect the need for the RFS to resource the floods in NSW. - Several community information sessions have occurred since the last CCG meeting along the route. <p>Strategic benefits payments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Various government stakeholders would like feedback on the payments. Please provide the feedback to Transgrid to be passed on. - The Chair noted that it would be good to have a representative from the RFS at the CCGs. - Naomi noted due to resourcing, it would be best to have a local RFS volunteer fire fighter. - A CCG member asked why the payments will only be for 20 years. - Cameron noted that Transgrid has put the same question to the Government and it is being considered, however at this point the current scheme is a step in the right direction. - A CCG member noted that Transgrid has advocated for this payment change, however, there has been no advocating for undergrounding. It was suggested 	

	<p>that most landowners would prefer undergrounding than approx. \$10k per year for the next 20 years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A CCG member noted that the Strategic Benefits Payment is a lot less cost than undergrounding and it does make sense for keeping the costs down and feasible. - A CCG member commented that the payments are a band aid for what is going to cause generational damage to the area. - Cameron noted that Transgrid has made the message regarding undergrounding clear to the government at every level. - Nathan noted that Transgrid will provide comment around how they are advocating for undergrounding their response letter. - A CCG member noted that as the lessee of the powerlines, there is no reason why Transgrid can not also be put forward a payment for landowners – TAKEN ON NOTICE. - A CCG member commented that there was an obligation and budget entered by Malcom Turnbull during his time in office that needs to be met. Transgrid is dealing with farmers who have been farming the land for 7 generations. They are the caretakers of the land, and no amount of money will pay for that. - A CCG member noted that their entire family is being impacted by the project, its not just those who immediately live on the impacted land. - A CCG member commented that the mining rules should be applied. Transgrid is taking an easement as though it is being bought because the landowners lose all access to it. The way in which the land is being acquired does not stack up. If the line was put underground, there would be no arguments from landowners working with Transgrid. None of the farmers are against climate change, they have seen firsthand its impacts, but the way in which these measures are being determined needs to be re-evaluated. 	
EIS update	EIS update	

- Naomi noted that the 8-week heritage test evacuation program is continuing to progress.

Biodiversity offsets

- Joel noted there has been a lot of work done in the biodiversity offset space, particularly around how they can be applied and the strategy needed to procure them.
- There will be webinars occurring to provide further information on the topic.
- Transgrid would like to determine the opportunities that landowners can benefit from.
- Transgrid needs to access certain types of credit and they must take people through the process of how they are doing so.
- A CCG member commented that the budget for the biodiversity offset credits was hugely inflated, could that money go to undergrounding?
- Nathan commented that Transgrid needs to lock in the last 90% of funding before decisions like that can be made.
- Nathan noted that the reason the biodiversity offsets number is one third of the total cost is that it assumes the presence of the highest value flora and fauna. There will be studies completed as the project progresses to determine more information about the actual flora and fauna, as a result the budget will be revised.
- Naomi noted there is still significant disturbance to the flora and fauna as a result of undergrounding.
- A CCG member responded that the easement for overhead is significantly more.
- A CCG member asked if Transgrid is planning to go down a similar path with the offset credits for local communities.
- Naomi responded that is something that Transgrid definitely wants to do. Having local landowners register their interest to be a steward is also something Transgrid wants to promote. Upcoming community webinars will give people an understanding of the potential opportunities within HumeLink but also

	<p>for other major projects if they are not ready at the moment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A CCG member commented that wanting to do something and actually doing it are two very different things. - The Chair noted that the principle message is that Transgrid supports the stewardship strategy with local landowners. - A CCG member asked what landowners will be expected to do if Transgrid takes out trees in a paddock that are needed to provide shelter for livestock. - Joel noted that there will be information sessions with more detail in 2023. - The Chair noted that Brendan Nelson from MacroPlan said Transgrid could present an argument to reduce the biodiversity offset cost towards undergrounding that would have better climate outcomes than offsetting. - Nathan responded that Transgrid has already put that argument forward. - A CCG member commented that Transgrid should be communicating the biodiversity impacts with landowners on the ground. - The Chair noted that there will be a stage when others with greater expertise in that field will be engaged. 	
<p>Biosecurity</p>	<p>Biosecurity update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Naomi noted that the CCGs requested an illustration of what the biosecurity protocols will look like on the ground. The current field work and Geotech studies are the best examples of how biosecurity will be managed on the ground. - From a policy point of view, Transgrid has updated their corporate biosecurity procedures that are in line with the current legal obligations, the NSW Biosecurity Act 2015, that need to be met. Those procedures are then passed onto the contactors as the minimum requirements to be met. <p>Daryl provided an overview of the biosecurity measures taking place on the ground.</p>	

- Regarding survey and field work, a consent to enter doc must be obtained from the landowner.
- In the construction phase, the Property Management Plan (PMP) will include the biosecurity requirements from both the landowner and Transgrid. Transgrid will sit down with the landowner and cover items such as access requirements, operational constraints and timeframes etc.
- Naomi noted that biosecurity is taken very seriously, even within the property so if there are areas of concern, they cannot be spread to other parts of the property.
- Darryl noted that Transgrid has their own biosecurity measures in place as a minimum standard. If a landowner wants to add more to the measures, they definitely can and they will be added to the PMP. Biosecurity measures are an ongoing and stringent process.
- The PMP will be a compliance tool for contractors and will remain iterative.
- Landowners can implement whatever actions they choose whenever they choose to ensure adherence to the PMP.
- Naomi noted that Transgrid are investigating an option to tag all vehicles using mobile phone tracking so a landowner can see at any time where a contractor is on their property. The tool is currently being considered by Transgrid.
- The Chair noted that enforcement and compliance with contractors is crucially important.
- Darryl noted that the main thing to realise is that Transgrid will be in the area for at least the next 30 years, and ensuring this is done correctly from the beginning is important.
- A CCG member asked how Transgrid will ensure that contractors are compliant.
- The PMP process will occur during the construction phase and will be monitored by the land access manager, the easements themselves will have their own standard procedures.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A CCG member asked if operations and maintenance are included in the PMP as well as penalties. - Naomi noted that there are penalties built in for the construction phase. The details for landowners' requirements following construction will be confirmed. - A CCG member asked where the long-term commitment to resides for biosecurity. - Naomi noted that it will be in the easement agreement with Transgrid. - It was noted that it is important that penalties and resulting compensation is built into the PMP. - A CCG member noted the process looks detailed but asked how areas will be managed in areas where there is no phone coverage. - Darryl responded that the iPads used to monitor the contractors can be used offline. The communications will occur between the land access manager and the landowner. - A CCG member noted that the nature of contractors can be very difficult. - Daryl agreed that they can be difficult but there will be special terms implemented. - It was noted that overtime the biosecurity issues will be less with undergrounding than overhead. 	
<p>Bushfires</p>	<p>Bushfires</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Transgrid has been meeting with the RFS to bring them into the conversation, however at the moment their focus is flood recovery. - One suggestion made in Yass was to have a local volunteer RFS member on the CCG to have a dedicated voice in the room. - A CCG member commented that during the last major bushfire in the area, there were 60 outages, if the route was undergrounded there would be no risk. If there is a fire on a property, the owner is at a huge risk with transmission infrastructure on their property. - A CCG member commented that Andrew Dwyer made the commitment to 	

	<p>standardise protocols about RFS access under powerlines.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A CCG member noted that there has been no follow up from Transgrid after the last bushfire workshop. - Naomi noted that information is still being packaged up. - A CCG member commented that the response from Transgrid regarding bushfires is not good enough. How are fires supposed to be addressed under powerlines? 	
<p>Other business</p>	<p>Other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A CCG member noted that her bank had contacted her asking for consent towards Transgrid regarding the easement on their property. - Naomi noted that this was a communication from Transgrid and she cannot speak for the bank's involvement. - It was noted that the term "hosting the infrastructure" is offensive to landowners as well as the "strategic benefits payments." - A CCG member noted that a 275KV dual circuit powerline toppled in South Australia. Other than undergrounding, how can that be mitigated from happening? - ACTION: Transgrid to supply CCG members with the design specs for the towers. 	
<p>Agenda items for the last meeting of 2022</p>	<p>Agenda items for the last meeting of 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Outline of EIS consultation activities - Report the outcomes of the last Steering Committee meeting - Update on bushfires - Actions for recruitment for additional CCG members - Route refinement <p>The next meeting will be held on 14 December at 5pm.</p>	

Action	Status or comment
Secretariat is to follow up with members on administrative details including signed Code of Conduct Agreements and sharing of contact details.	Ongoing
Transgrid to institute the \$50 reimbursement for eligible members	Ongoing
Transgrid to follow up with GHD for more insight into their value scoring methodology and reasoning, including the difference in value between agricultural land compared to State Forest.	Underway
Transgrid to follow up with GHD for more insight into the social and environmental matters included in its model InDeGo (Infrastructure Development Geospatial Options), how they are weighted and the scoring methodology.	Underway
Transgrid to request the value of the multiplier from GHD used in their report.	Underway
Transgrid to determine if there are barriers to technological advancements with undergrounding cables	Underway
Transgrid to respond to the Steering Committee's letter and the 52 outstanding issues within 4 weeks of the meeting.	Underway
Transgrid to check the parameters for covering ecology studies for landowners	Underway
Once revised, circulate the Department's Guidelines for CCGs	Underway
Transgrid to outline the process for working with councils to maintain road infrastructure	Underway
Transgrid to outline a process of how impacted landowners will be engaged with regarding tower locations before the EIS goes on public exhibition	Underway
Transgrid to confirm the prospects of a future transmission line for the area in the next 15 years	Underway
Transgrid to confirm if it is possible to reduce the easement size to 2m	Underway
Transgrid to supply map of the potential route change between Bannaby and Tumut to scale	Complete
Transgrid to confirm if they as an entity can be held responsible to put forward payments for landowners	Underway
Transgrid to supply the CCG with the design specs of the towers	Underway