

## Report on Transgrid's implementation of the Stowe recommendations

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[My 2021 review](#) of Transgrid's engagement practices made 20 recommendations on steps Transgrid could take to bring its engagement processes in line with community expectations and accepted best practice. While the recommendations relate specifically to the Humelink project at that time, many have applicability across all of Transgrid's major project works.

It was pleasing that [Transgrid accepted all of those recommendations](#) and set out on a program to completely reshape its engagement strategies and processes. Two major components of that included a significant increase in the resources allocated to landowner and community engagement and the establishment of community consultative committees to provide an additional mechanism for two-way sharing of information between Transgrid and the various stakeholders in this major infrastructure project.

My office has provided advice to Transgrid during the transformation process through comment on plans and documents and participation as an observer in various working groups, including the community consultative groups.

The implementation report provides information back to the communities involved on the work Transgrid has taken in implementing the recommendations. Many of the actions will be embedded in ongoing processes across all major projects and it is pleasing to see that action has been taken on every recommendation.

We will continue to work with Transgrid's engagement officers to ensure that the needs of landowners and their communities are understood and considered in Transgrid major projects.

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