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VNI West Community Reference Group

June 2025

Chairperson's summary and update

In June 2025, the VNI West Community Reference Group (CRG) met for its eleventh meeting on 24 June 2025, which brought together community members and senior representatives from TCV. Twelve community members joined the closed door discussion in the first hour to prepare questions for visiting guests. Notes for this session were recorded in confidence.

During the main meeting, CRG community members were joined by TCV senior representatives Claire Cass (GM Victorian Network Services and Delivery), Colin Lang (Acting Program Director), Mark Gledhill (Senior Project Manager), Amy Pepper (Lead, Engagement and Social Performance), Ali Driscoll (TCV Senior Advisor Engagement), and Francis Meehan (Senior Corporate Lawyer). Meeting guests also included Catherine Wolthuizen (Energy and Water Ombudsman Victoria), Nicole McCutcheon and Rebecca Clarke (Office of the Energy and Water Ombudsman Victoria), Amy Abraham (Good Energy Engagement) and two observers.

The CRG had the opportunity to ask questions of the meeting guests. Key topics of discussion included:

- An overview of the role and functions of the Energy and Water Ombudsman Victoria which is a not for profit, independent dispute resolution service for energy and water customers and landholders
- TCV's landholder liability position which is outlined in the Land Easement and Access Package documentation
- Land Easement and Access Package documentation inclusions, including details about the Landholder Payment Estimate
- Studies to be completed under the Environmental Effects Statement process for VNI West and the EES engagement process
- Social value approach and strategy which aims to deliver long-term measurable outcomes for communities directly impacted by VNI West
- Machinery height under power lines and the need for guideline clarity.

The CRG is a forum to support constructive two way communication between community and TCV. We encourage community get in touch with members or the chair if you would like to know more.

The minutes for the June meeting will be reviewed and endorsed by the CRG at its next meeting.