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VNI West Community Reference Group

CRG Meeting #10, Tuesday 13 May 2025

INDEPENDENT CHAIR'S SUMMARY

The VNI West Community Reference Group (CRG) met for its tenth meeting on 13 May 2025. Ten CRG members attended the meeting, along with five Transmission Company Victoria (TCV) staff, and observers from VicGrid, Wimmera Southern Mallee Development, Buloke Shire Council and Gannawarra Shire Council. TCV staff in attendance were Claire Cass (TCV Victorian Network Services and Delivery), Samantha Smith (Manager – Project Community & Stakeholder Engagement), Mark Gledhill (Senior Project Manager), Francis Meehan (Legal team) and Amy Pepper (Principal Performance). The meeting was Chaired by Claire Flanagan-Smith with Secretariat Brooke Hermans, both from RM Consulting Group.

The meeting commenced with the continuation of an earlier discussion between CRG members and TCV staff about VNI West Project easement and access packages. TCV then presented information and scenarios on risk and liability for landholders. TCV answered CRG members' questions with support from

The CRG had the opportunity to ask questions of the meeting guests. Key topics of discussion are listed below.

Land easement and access packages

- Appropriate steps for TCV to take to ensure all landholders are given the opportunity to review packages for those who have declined engagement or not responded to initial contact.
- CRG members suggested the use of independent advisors as intermediaries between TCV and landholders and spoke about the need to provide advisors with appropriate support and training.
- The CRG discussed the need to rebuild trust and re-establish relationships with disengaged landholders, which will require time and sustained effort.

Risk and liability

- TCV's gave an overview of their plan for risk minimisation for landholders who have transmission infrastructure on their property, including the development of a Property Management Plan (PMP) and sought CRG feedback on the drafted risk and liability terms and conditions by considering a series of scenarios.
- The CRG discussed the responsibilities of landholders and TCV regarding biosecurity and damage to infrastructure on properties, and how the terms and conditions must clearly state who holds liability in a range of scenarios.

The full minutes for the May meeting will be reviewed and endorsed by the CRG at its next meeting. The minutes from the April meeting will be available on TCV's website shortly.

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