



Consumer Advisory Panel Meeting

THURSDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 2025

Greetings

Leanne Muffet

INDEPENDENT FACILITATOR

Acknowledgement of Country

ElectraNet acknowledges
the Traditional Owners of
the land and waters on
which we operate.

We pay our respects to
their Elders past, present
and emerging and extend
that respect to all other
Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Islander people of Australia.



Meeting Agenda

	TIME	ITEM	PRESENTERS
1.	9:30am (5 mins)	Greeting + Acknowledgement of Country	Leanne Muffet, (Independent Facilitator)
2.	9:35am (25 mins)	Approval of minutes, action items + general updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action items and approval of minutes CAP ToR + Membership update Storm Update from previous meeting 27/11/24 CPAI update 	Leanne Muffet + Chris Hanna + Jeremy Tustin
3.	10:00am (20 mins)	Hot Topics	Facilitated discussion, Leanne + CAP
4.	10:20am (15 mins)	Revenue Reset Project Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project update High level engagement plan 	Bec Malhotra
5.	10:50am (15 mins)	Northern Transmission Project Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project Update Project Name High level engagement plan 	Ralf Riccardi + Josephine Telfer
6.	11:05am (55 mins)	Reference Groups – Terms of Reference presentation and discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Structure and contents Objectives / outcomes for each Reference Group Open discussion and reflections Commitment and signing up to the process 	Chris + Leanne

Action Items

No	Action	Responsible	Status
1	CAP Members to receive a copy of the Aurecon draft engagement plan strategy and slide pack. ElectraNet and Leanne Muffet to meet with Aurecon to get some key questions to then frame to the CAP on the engagement strategy.	CH	Completed
2	ElectraNet to engage with the CAP on the costs and risks before the Mid North Rez Expansion is energised. In relations to CPAI.	CH/JT	In train
3	Leanne and Chris to meet with each CAP member in December/January. Key areas of focus will include: TORs, and Working Groups	LM/CH	Completed

CAP ToR + Membership Update

Chris Hanna

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Leanne Muffet

Key updates on CAP's Terms of Reference (ToR)

- Words relating to transparency, effective engagement etc. (purpose section)
- Reference to proposed work program and access to external expertise (role + governance)
- Prepare an annual report and; where possible to present to the board (role + governance)
- Involved in CAP induction together with ElectraNet staff (role of Independent facilitator)
- Reference to indicative annual budget for CAP (role of ElectraNet)
- CAP remuneration for working groups or similar (remuneration section)

Storm Event

Jeremy Tustin

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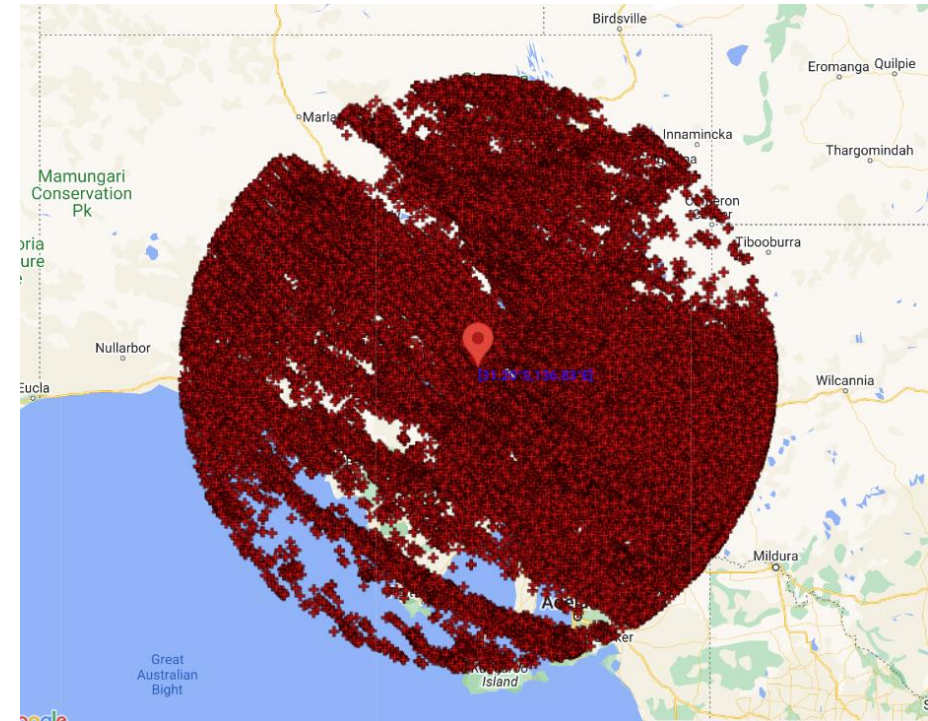
17 October – at least as severe as ‘System Black’

Strong winds affected inland South Australia

Some stations recorded wind gusts more than 90 km/h – up to 137 km/h at Port Pirie

250,000 lightning strikes in 24 hour period (→)

Heavy rainfall and flash flooding to Mintaro with 36.0mm rain in one hour



Impact on the Network

29 transmission structures

23 towers

6 stobie poles

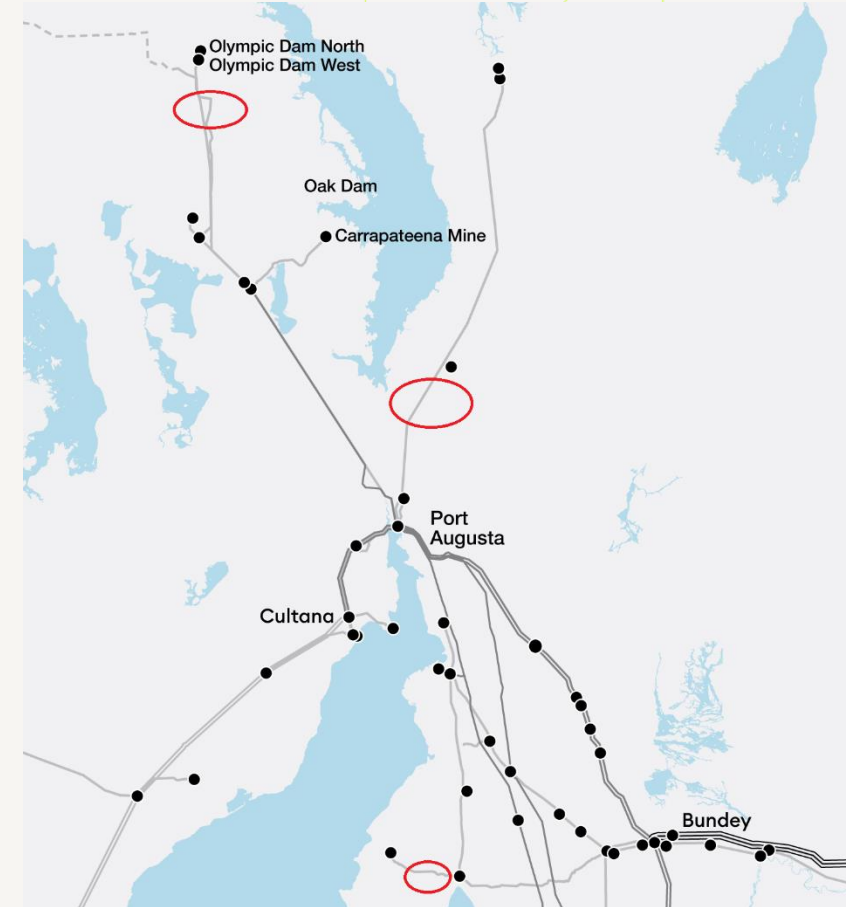
Supply disruptions to

Leigh Creek, Hawker, Neuroodla

Olympic Dam town and mine

Other disruptions to

Brinkworth to Bungama line (wind farm)



Davenport to Leigh Creek line Infrastructure Updates

Southern Section

14 New steel monopoles

- in place by 12 December '24
- Restrung ~17 December '24

Northern Section

Temporary towers with anchors

Ground disturbing works completed ~15 December '24

- Anchor installation
- Base mounts

Tower erection requires heavy lift helicopter

- Not ground disturbing
- Bushfire priority
- Conducted in early February
- Restringing underway
- Energisation expected tomorrow (14 February '24)







CPA1 Update

Jeremy Tustin

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Hot Topics

Leanne Muffet & CAP Members

Overview of CAP's role over the two projects

Revenue Reset

- Determines how much revenue a network service provider can recover from consumers over a specified period, typically 5 years
- Largely based on forecasts of ElectraNet's capital and operating expenditure requirements
- Driven by a regulatory process through the AER
- CAP is the primary stakeholder group
- Anticipating bi-monthly meetings

Northern Transmission Project (NTx)

- Enhance energy transfer capacity between the Northern fringes of Adelaide and Whyalla.
- Improve network resilience by proving an alternate supply into Adelaide
- Support projected new industrial energy load in the north of the State
- CAP is only one of many stakeholders
- Stakeholder Engagement Strategy (Aurecon)
- Tactical plan (joined thinking)
- Anticipating bi-monthly meetings

Revenue Reset Project Update

Bec Malhotra

MANAGER REGULATION +

Chris Hanna

Key Inputs

We must lodge a Revenue Proposal in January 2027 for the five-year period commencing 1 July 2028 containing:

- Capital expenditure forecast
- Contingent projects
- Operating expenditure forecast
- Revenue requirements including
 - PTRM
 - RFM
 - Depreciation
 - Pricing methodology
- Incentive scheme arrangements & performance targets
- Pass through considerations



Better Resets Handbook

For the National Electricity Objective to be achieved, regulatory proposals and AER determinations must reflect the long-term interests of consumers.

AER note:

“It is more important than ever to ensure customer preferences drive outcomes and we continue to evolve how we regulate to ensure the long-term interests of consumers are met”.

Assessment Criteria

- ✓ efficiency of costs
- ☀ quality of engagement with consumers
- 🏢 projected demand for energy
- 🏠 age of infrastructure
- 🔒 operating and financial costs
- 💰 network reliability and safety standards

Revenue Reset Engagement Objectives

ElectraNet's Engagement Objective

CAP submission to ElectraNet's Revenue Proposal is that it is capable of acceptance by the AER

AER's Better Resets Guidelines

The AER's Better Resets Handbook – *Towards consumer centric network proposals*, seeks to encourage networks to better engage and have **consumer preferences drive the development of regulatory proposals**.

If regulatory proposals meet expectations, they are more likely to be accepted by the AER, earlier in the assessment process and thereby create a more efficient regulatory process for all stakeholders.

Revenue Reset Engagement

Activity	FEB 2025	MAR 2025	APR 2025	MAY 2025	JUN 2025	JUL 2025	AUG 2025	SEP 2025	OCT 2025	NOV 2025	DEC 2025	JAN 2026	FEB 2026	MAR 2026	APR 2026	MAY 2026	JUN 2026	Jun 26 – Jan 27
CAP Meeting Dates (2025)	13 Feb			5 May			1 Aug			26 Nov			TBD			TBD		
CAP Governance	Establish CAP Reference Group																	
CAP Information Sessions		Information Sessions																
Develop Revenue Determination Engagement Plan		Engagement Plan: Co-design CAP Engagement							Publish									Consumer Outcomes Report DEC 2026
Engagement Scope and Schedule of works						Develop Engagement Scope												
Revenue Proposal Development										Deep Dives and Development of Preliminary Revenue Proposal						Publish Preliminary Revenue Proposal	Revenue Proposal lodged Jan 2027	

Northern Transmission Project (NTx) Update

Ralf Riccardi

HEAD OF MAJOR PROJECTS +

Josephine Telfer

NTx STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT LEAD



Project Update



Project Name

- The project name (AEMO 2024 ISP) "Mid North SA REZ Expansion" was too long and not descriptive enough
- The proposed project name "Green Energy Network" was not considered appropriate, we have taken feedback on board
- Aurecon assessed a number of potential project names, these were presented to the CAP in December 2024
- The project will be "Northern Transmission Project" or "NTx "

Project Status

- Project budget has been developed for 2025 and early 2026 period, this is the basis of the CPA1 budget shared with the CAP in January 2025
- Planning activities have commenced for approvals and environmental planning activities
- RIT-T Progressing with early works to identify requirements and identify benefits

Infrastructure Sustainability Council (ISC) Certification

An ISC rating will provide independent verification of the integration of sustainability into the project

- The project team and Sustainability team are planning to pursue Infrastructure Sustainability Council (ISC) accreditation
- This is proposed to cover the Infrastructure Sustainability (IS) Planning and IS Design and As-Built schemes for the project
- The ISC rating system is a comprehensive framework to evaluate the economic, social, and environmental performance across the planning, design, construction, and operational phases of infrastructure projects
- The IS ratings provide a measure of sustainability across areas such as sustainable procurement, climate and natural hazards, stakeholder engagement, and resilience
- Projects are awarded Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Platinum ratings based on their performance
- The accreditation offers substantial sustainability, reputational, and financial benefits that align closely with ElectraNet's strategic objectives.
- It will allow project process transparency to our stakeholders
 - [Infrastructure Sustainability Council website](#)

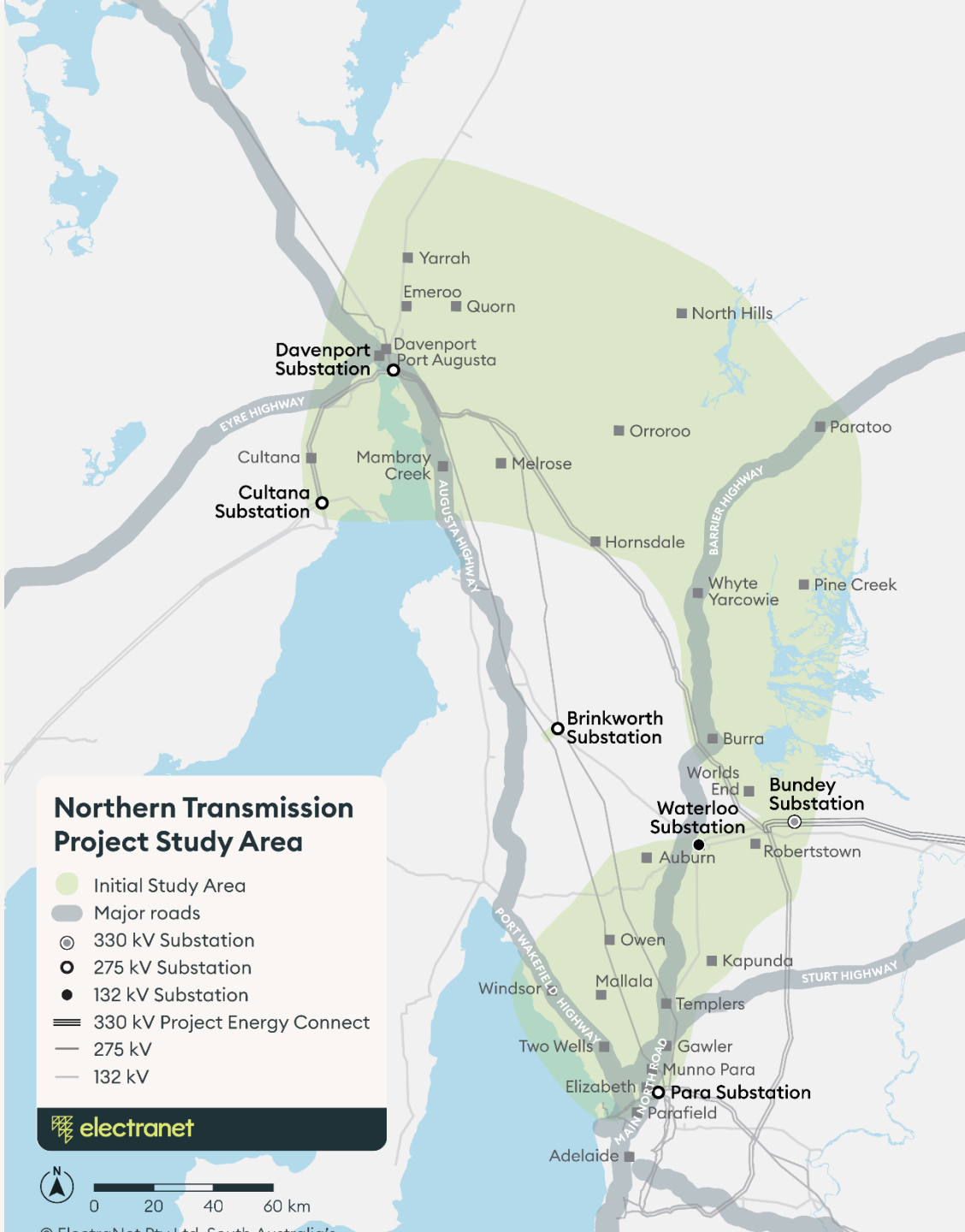
INDICATIVE PROJECT SCHEDULE – MILESTONES



CPA – Contingent Project Application
PADR – Project Assessment Definition Report
PACR – Project Assessment Conclusions Report
EIS – Environmental Impact Statement
RIT/T Regulatory Investment Test for Transmission

Route Selection Strategy

Study Area Identification	Corridor Identification	Preferred route selection	Route Assessment and Refinement
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Identified need*Project ScopeProject ObjectivesDemand Opportunities*Risk Mitigation <p>Outcome: Identified Study Area</p>	<p>Constraints Mapping</p> <p>Desktop investigations</p> <p>Test with stakeholders*</p> <p>Review against community expectations*</p> <p>Outcome: Narrowed down to a range of potentially viable route options.</p> <p>Approx 4km – 10km width</p>	<p>MCA workshops*</p> <p>Internal integration</p> <p>Public consultation on Draft route selection report (including draft preferred route)*</p> <p>Community feedback incorporated into final route selection report</p> <p>Outcome: Preferred route selected</p> <p>Approx 200m– 400m width</p>	<p>Route investigations (Env. & CH Survey, Geotech)</p> <p>Commence landholder engagement*</p> <p>Ongoing community engagement and line route refinement</p> <p>Outcome: Final route selected and easement requirements identified</p> <p>Approx 100m easement width.</p>



Engagement approach – near term

Initial contact

Personalised invitation to introduction workshop

Face to face meeting when requested or required

Project introduction workshops

Provide stakeholders detailed project overview including:

- Project background
- Drivers
- Route section process
- What to expect from construction

Open dialogue with community about concerns and aspirations

Feed outcomes into route and engagement planning

Follow up engagement

MCA workshops (route selection)

Establishment of Community Reference groups

Council and key stakeholder briefings

Continue dialogue to understand what is important to the community about this project.

Be accessible to stakeholders and community

Reference Groups – Terms of Reference presentation & discussion

Chris + Leanne

Questions

What areas in the ToR are working well?

Which elements need further review or revision?

Summary – Revenue Reset Reference Group Terms of Reference

Purpose

- Established to enable in-depth consumer engagement on the revenue reset for the regulatory period from 1 July 2028 to 30 June 2033
- Provide advice to the CAP on how to respond to the Revenue Reset
- Ensure ElectraNet's Revenue Reset Proposal has a strong consumer lens

Anticipated Outcomes

- Consumers build an understanding of ElectraNet's asset management framework (how we make decisions) and the need for capex and opex requirements (the why)
- Engagement outcomes that enhance understanding and capacity for acceptance of the proposal
- Independent resource to support CAP engagement
- Preparation of submissions – Responses to preliminary and final Revenue Proposals

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Summary: Northern Transmission Project Reference Group Terms of Reference

Purpose

- Established to enable in-depth consumer engagement on the Northern Transmission Project as identified in AEMO's Integrated System Plan (ISP)
- Provide advice to the CAP on the sufficiency of ElectraNet's consumer engagement in relation to the NTx
- Keep the CAP informed on ElectraNet's project engagement with stakeholders, communities, landholders, traditional owners and the environment
- Improve transparency and public confidence in project decision-making.

Anticipated Outcomes

- consumer concerns, expectations and priorities are captured and considered in key reports / processes including in ElectraNet's identification and assessment of credible options to meet the identified need
- Prepare responses on the depth, breadth and content of engagement, for input into the regulatory processes such as the PADR and 2026 ISP for CAP consideration
- Independent resource to support CAP engagement
- Preparation of responses and submissions

Wrap up & next steps

Chris Hanna
MANAGER CORPORATE AFFAIRS



Thank you