



TransGrid

# Coppabella Wind Farm

CCC Meeting

28 NOVEMBER 2019

# Who we are

**TransGrid is the operator and manager of the NSW high voltage transmission network.**

# Connections process

- **Obligation to facilitate connection to the network under open access regime**
- **Design solution to meet customer's approved project only**

# Design process

**Transmission lines are rated:**

- **To suit the approved project capacity**
- **For constructability and safety**

# Approvals process- planning pathway

- Approval for the project is being sought under Part 5 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act).
- TransGrid, is an Authorised Network Operator (ANO) under the *Electricity Network Assets (Authorised Transactions) Act 2015*, and as such, is a determining authority for the purposes of Section 5.6 of the EP&A Act.
- As per Section 2.3.1 of the *Wind Energy Guideline for State Significant Wind Energy Development* (DP&E 2016), it is permissible to separate the grid connection from a wind generation development.
- TransGrid has prepared a *Review of Environmental Factors* in accordance with the *NSW Code of Practice for Authorised Network Operators*, which sets out the environmental assessment requirements for ANOs.

# Approvals process- status

- REF was completed in June 2019 and was publically displayed between 13 June 2019 and 9 August 2019 on TransGrid's website.
- 18 submissions were received from the community and four submissions were from Government Agencies.
- The main issues raised related to:
  - Adverse impacts on visual amenity
  - Impacts on land use, including agricultural land
  - Planning approval process;
  - Consultation and engagement process
  - Property and access
  - Ownership and cost of the rebuilt transmission line.
- Submissions Report and Determination should be placed on TransGrid's website in the coming weeks.

# Further information

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