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# VNI West Community Reference Group

7 May 2024

Chairperson's summary and update

## CRG BRIEF UPDATE

The VNI West Community Reference Group (CRG) met for the fourth time on Tuesday 7 May in Charlton. Thirteen CRG members attended, and five apologies were received.

Attendees received an update from Transmission Company Victoria's (TCV) VNI West Project Director, Sam Magee including:

- A summary of recent community engagement and insights conveyed by engagement participants
- An update on the transmission licence application
- An overview of the Environmental Effects Statement (EES) process for the VNI West Project including advice that the Victorian Minister for Planning has confirmed that TCV is required to prepare an EES for the VNI West Project.

The Deputy Chief Fire Officer of the CFA West Region, Brett Boatman attended the meeting to provide background on firefighting operations around transmission lines and answer CRG member questions.

Throughout the meeting, CRG members conveyed various concerns and provided advice relevant to the project. Members also provided advice about how to better engage the community during the EES scoping phase to make sure as many community members as possible can provide input.

Sam Magee advised the CRG that he has resigned from TCV and will therefore no longer attend CRG meetings.

The minutes for the May meeting will be endorsed by the CRG at its next meeting. The minutes from CRG's third meeting in February will be available on [TCV's website](#) from 22 May 2024.

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