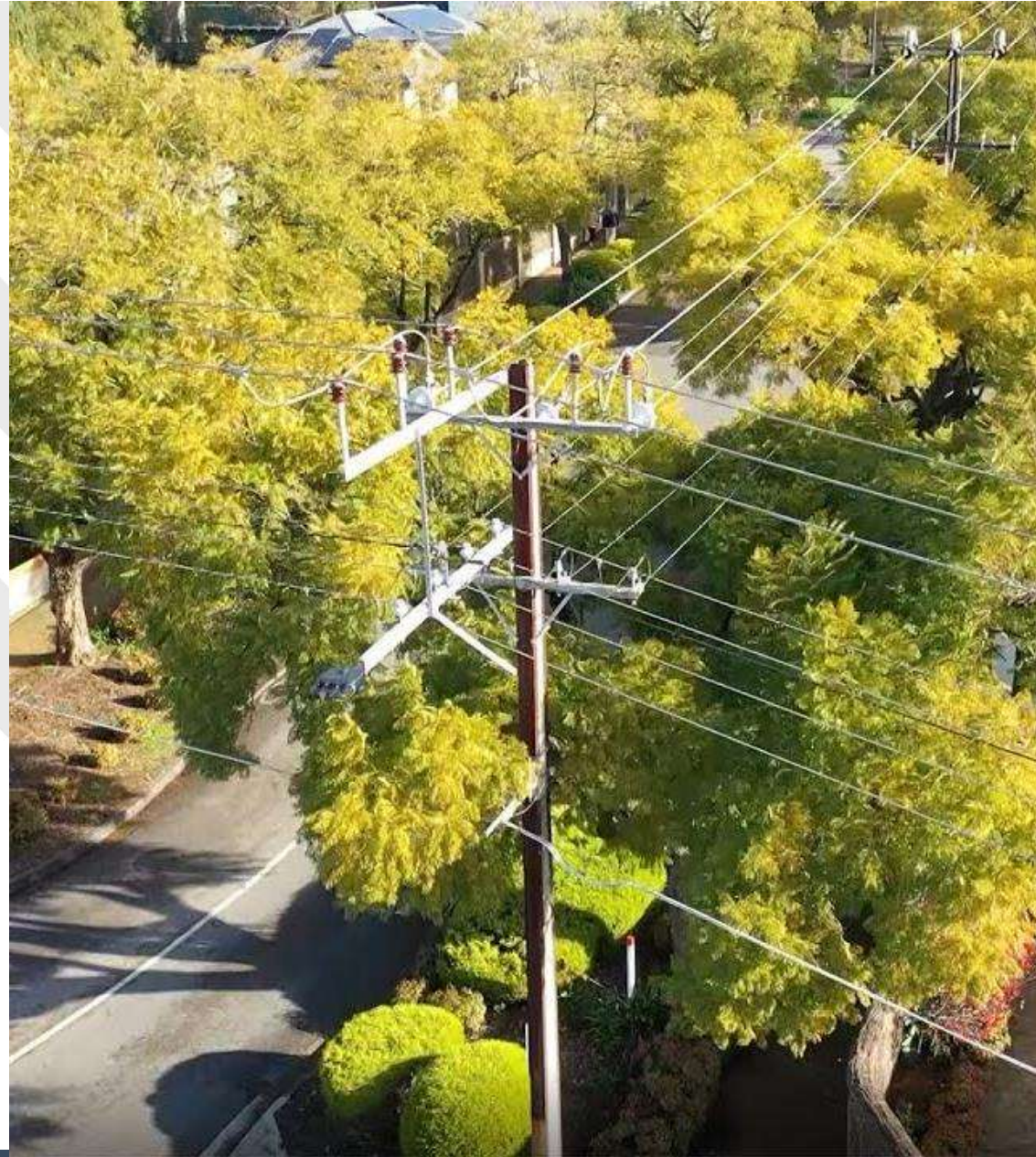


Vegetation Management Advisory Group

Wednesday 18 March 2026



Acknowledgement of Country

SA Power Networks acknowledges the multiple Traditional Owners of the lands that host the South Australian electricity network and their connections to land, sea and community.

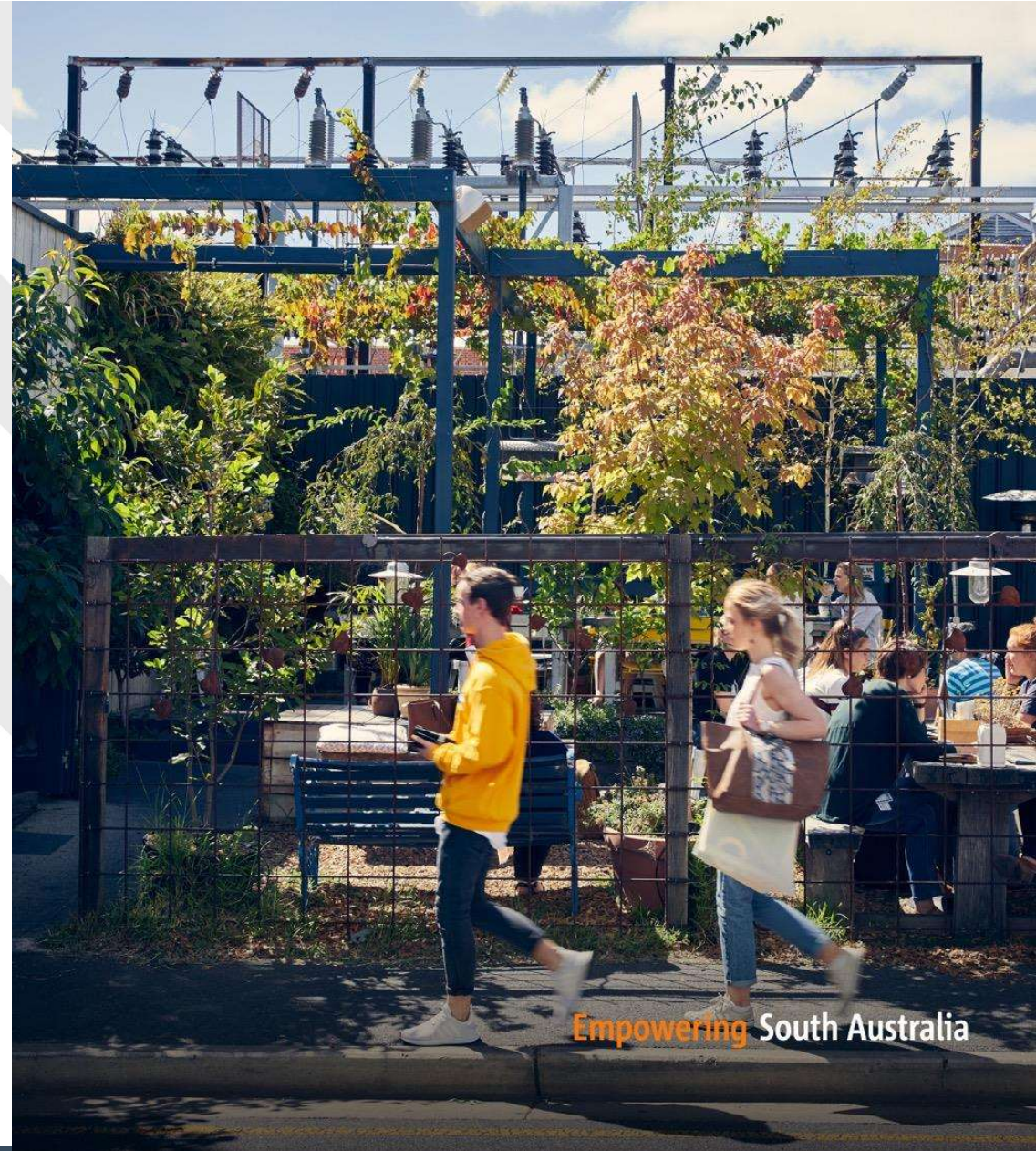
We would also like to pay our respects to Elders past and present and acknowledge that these are living cultures.

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by Presten Warren (b. 2000)



Welcome and Overview

Kim Syrus



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FORUM AGENDA

Welcome

Stakeholder Engagement outcomes

Consultative Group review and EOI process

Non-Compliant plantings program

Morning Tea

Vegetation Operations Update

Spotlight on

- LGA update
- ATS update
- OTR update

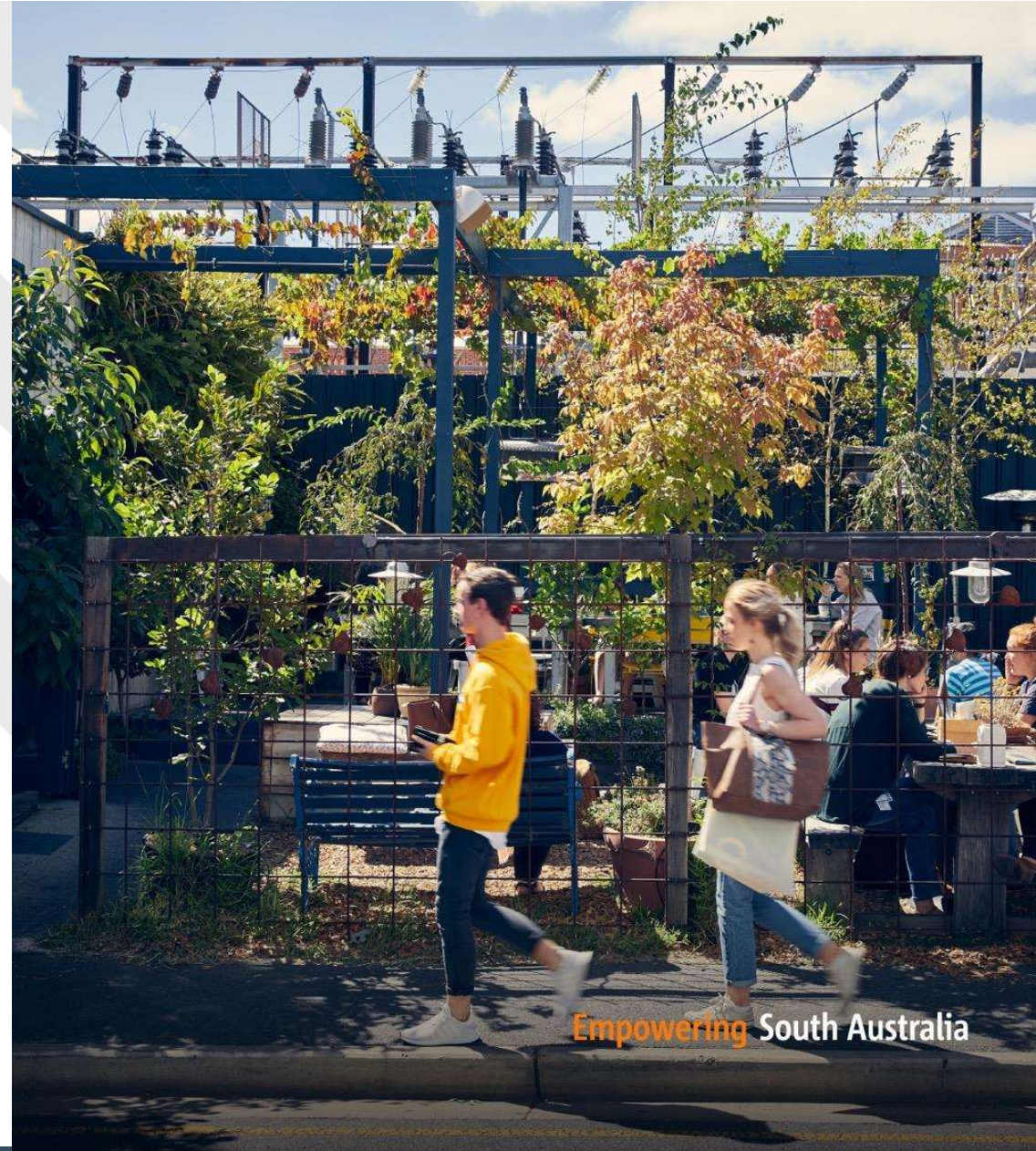
Innovation and Information share

Thank you to all VMAG Members and Chair

Close

Stakeholder Engagement update

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Engagement update Q1

- ✓ VMAG introductory email
- ✓ Green Adelaide consultation submission
- ✓ Regional Council engagement
 - Light Regional, Alexandrina, Adelaide Hills Victor Harbor
- ✓ Metro Council engagement
 - All metro councils engaged
- ✓ Resilient East workshop attended
- ✓ OTR meeting x 3
- ✓ LGA meeting x 2
- ✓ DHUD meeting
- ✓ Dept Education engagement
- ✓ Membership with Horticultural Media Association
- ✓ Private landowner and site-specific engagement
- ✓ Regional depot visits and field days
- ✓ Registered to present at LGA Road and Works Conference



Engagement streams

STAKEHOLDERS 'Our Who'

A current snapshot of our engagement approach with stakeholders planned until June 2026

Our planned engagement efforts based on stakeholder needs and aligned with our operational program to enhance purposeful and timely discussions



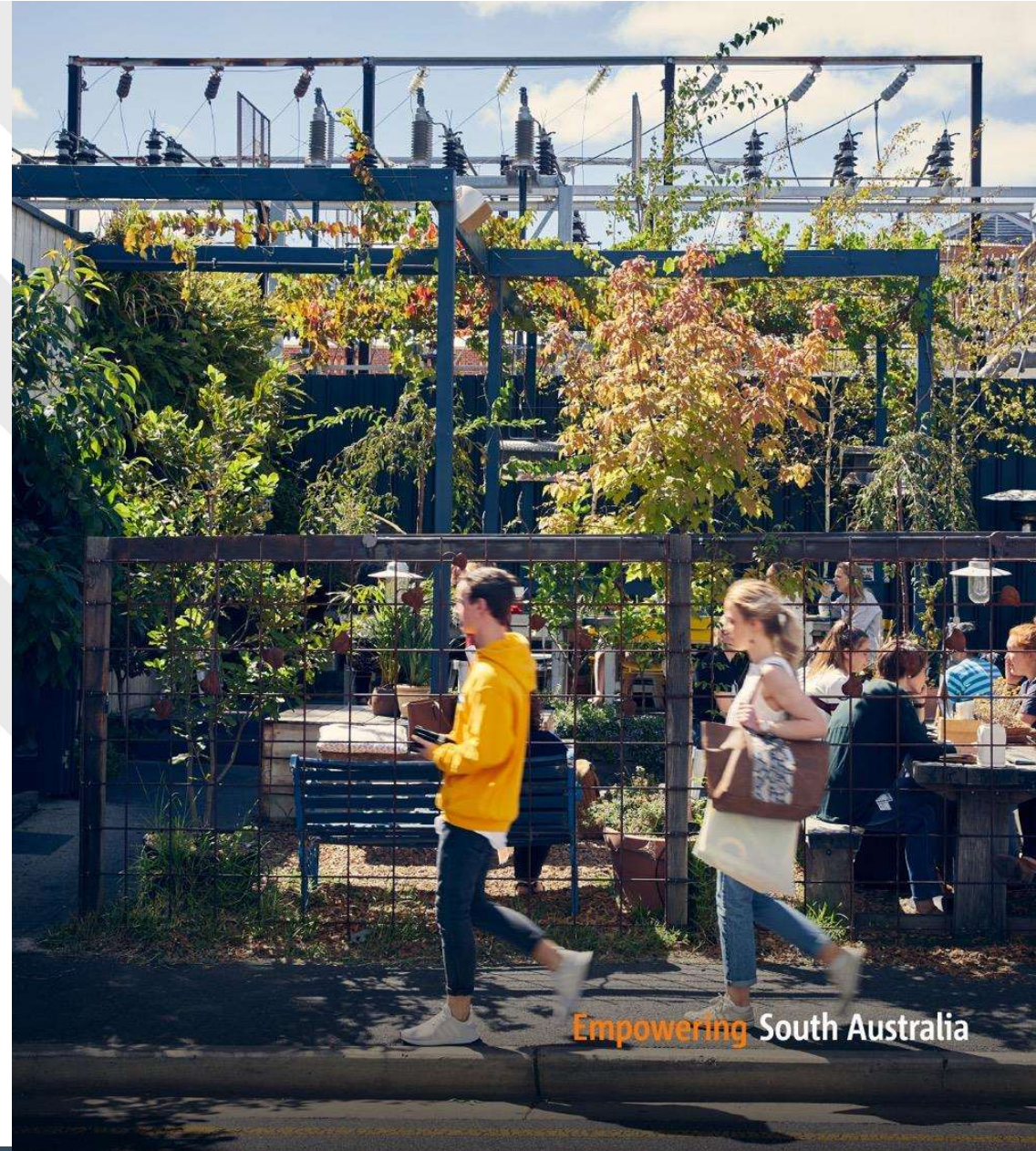
The program remains agile and is subject to change as we manage unplanned events - or equally - identify opportunities to coordinate efforts and explore innovative solutions that enhance customer outcomes.

ENGAGEMENT MAP 'When and How'

Calendar	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
METRO COUNCILS	100% metro councils engaged and SA Power Networks Data distributed	Attendance at Resilient East Climate Action Plan workshop	Burnside Council meeting conducted	Follow up with Charles Sturt, Adelaide City	<u>Open for business</u>	<u>Open for business</u>
REGIONAL COUNCILS	Adelaide Hills Council engagement	Light Regional Council engagement	Alexandrina Council meeting	Wakefield Regional Council	<u>Open for business</u>	<u>Open for business</u>
CONSULTATIVE GROUPS	Introductions and key meetings offered	Meeting with VMAG Chair and agenda development	VMAG Meeting	Expression of Interest process	Recruitment and reviewed Terms of Reference	Q2 VMWG Meeting planned
INDUSTRY, GOVT AND AGENCY	Green Adelaide submission provided	Meeting with OTR Meeting with LGA	Meeting with LGA Board and Executive	Urban Research workshop with Green Adelaide	<u>Open for Business</u>	LGA Roads and Works Conference in Tanunda preparation
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	Website content review commenced	School, Private landowner and Customer site visits	School engagement South East Field Days	Touch a Truck Tea Tree Gully and Port Adelaide Enfield	Biodiversity McLaren Vale meeting	<u>Open for business</u>

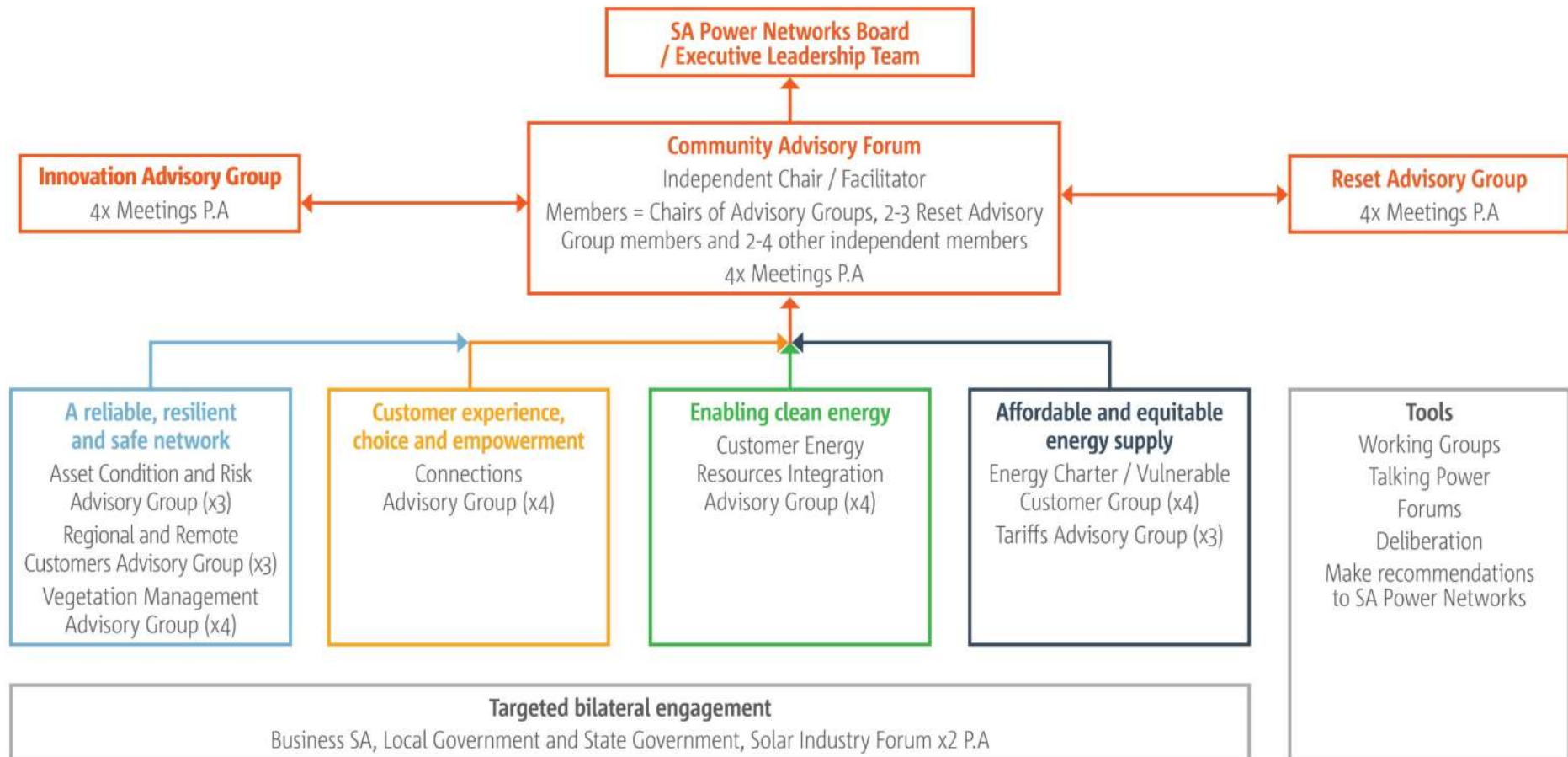
Consultative Group review

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Current structure



What we heard from our internal and external stakeholders

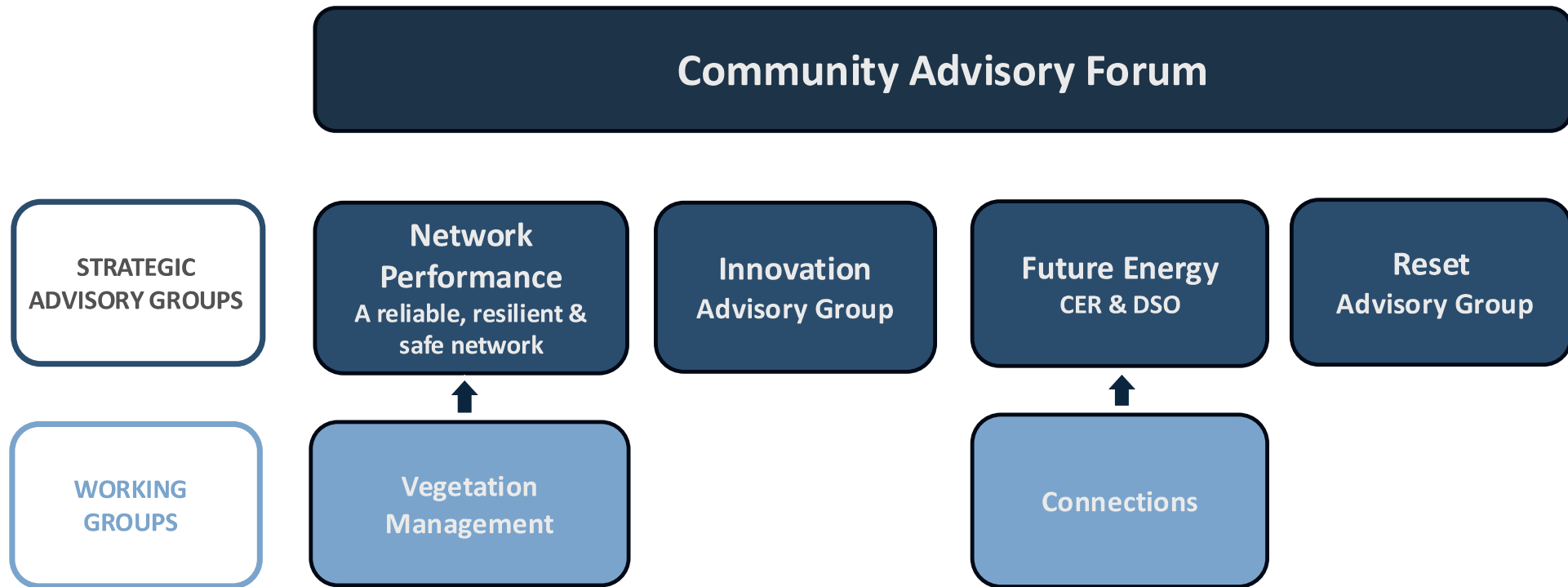


Feedback from VMAG evaluation from 2025 and all consultative groups, one-on-one interviews with current chairs, internal and external stakeholder survey.

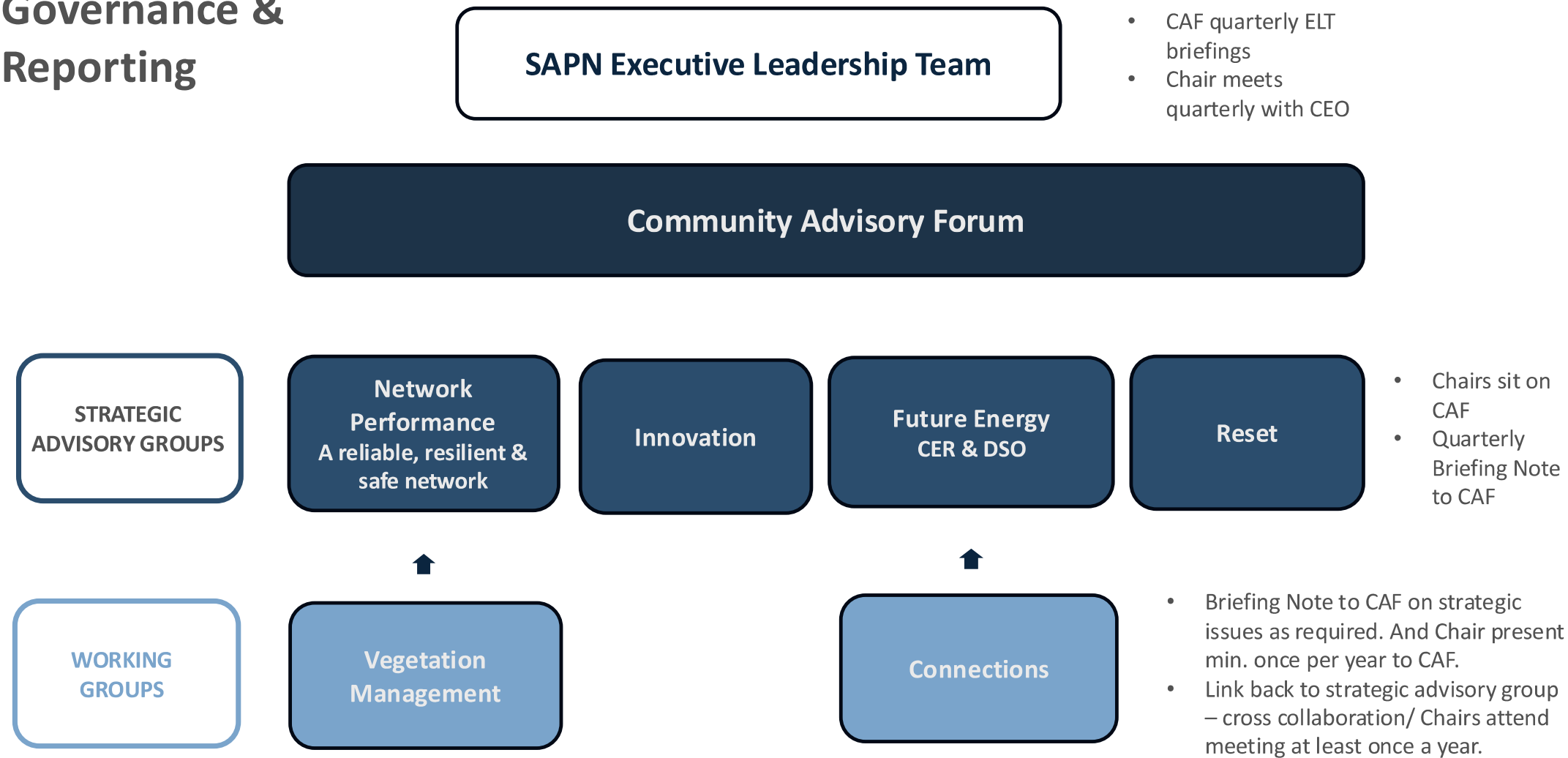
Key aims of the review are to streamline engagement efforts and reduce duplication and achieve better alignment between advisory groups and SA Power Networks long-term strategic priorities, including reset planning.

- Streamline our engagement efforts ahead of the next reset
- Focus engagement on what really matters to customers and where customers have an ability to influence outcomes
- CAF focus on customer outcomes, affordability, customer experience, and resilience
- Look at other opportunities for engagement (eg. local government forums, regional depot engagement)
- Ensure group membership aligns with future needs and priorities
- Show how our engagement has influenced SAPN's decisions

Revised model



Governance & Reporting



Vegetation Management Working Group membership

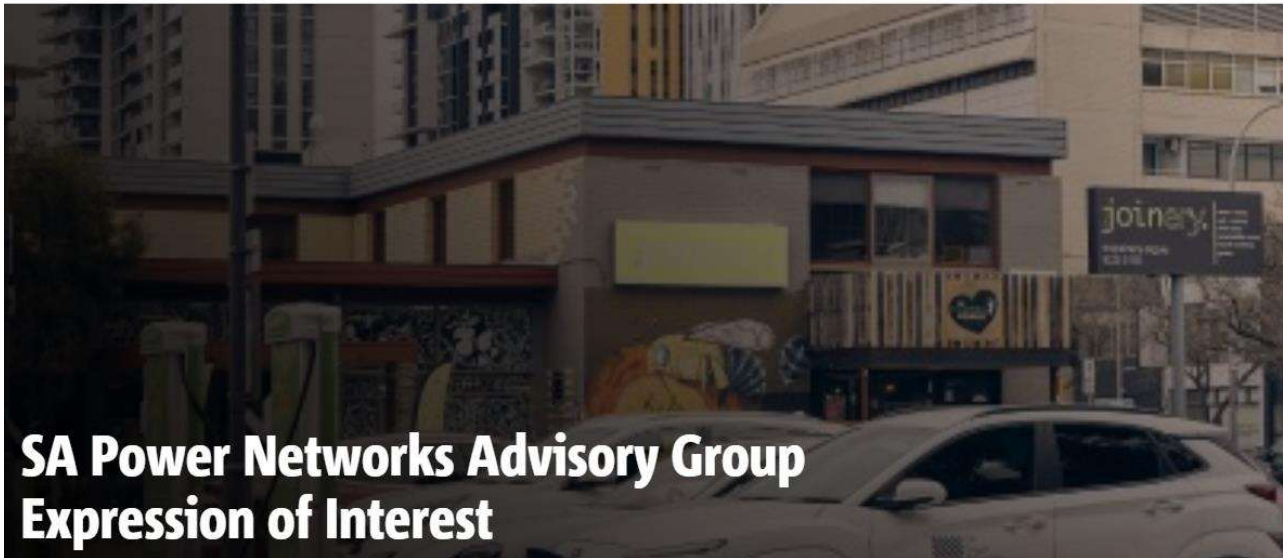
The VMWG aims to seek representation from

- State and Local Government
- Elected Members
- Arboriculture and Horticulture experts
- Environment and research leaders
- Nursery Industry
- Green Adelaide
- Botanic Gardens of South Australia



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Expression of Interest process



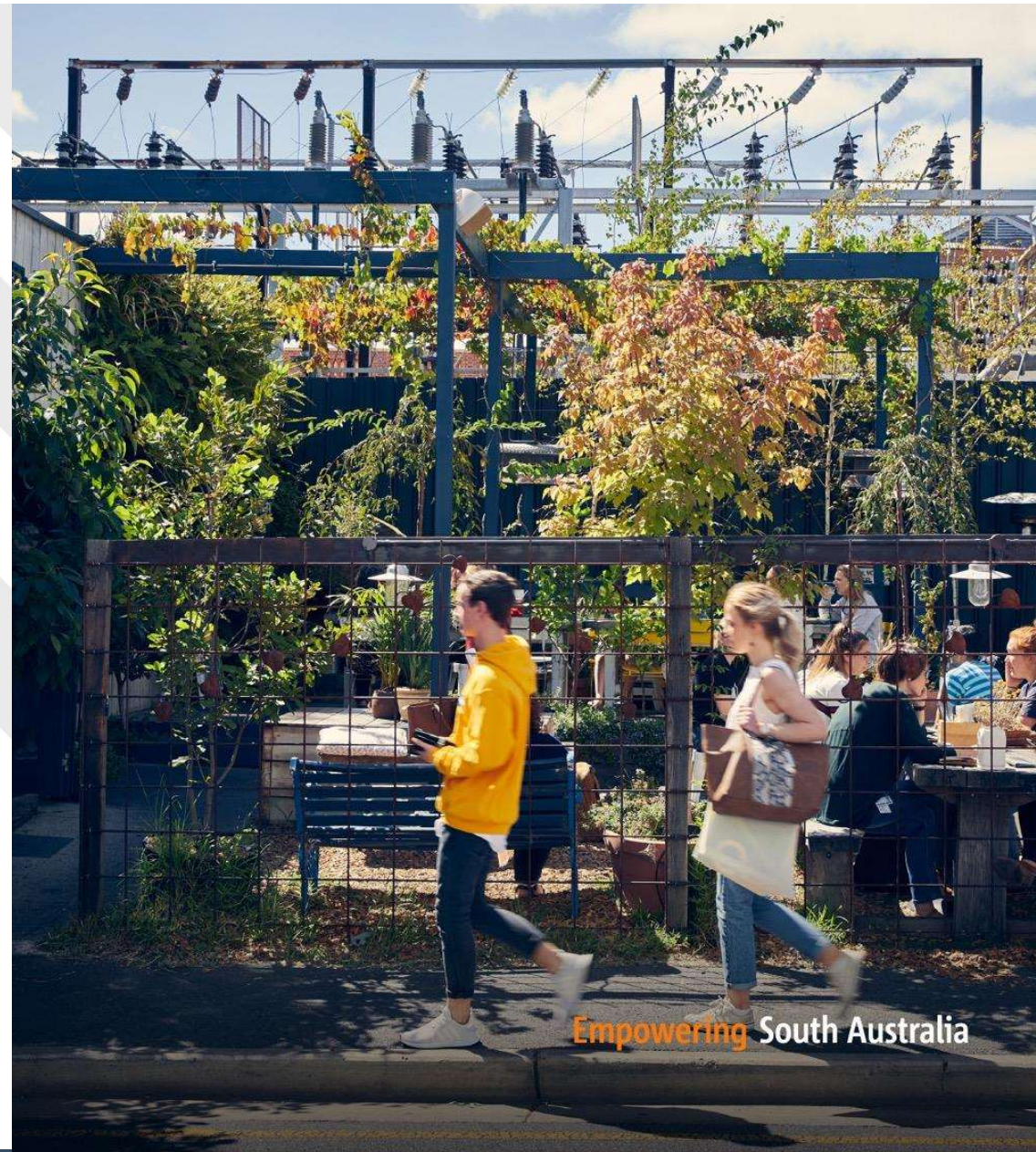
We encourage existing members to nominate an interest as we have valued your contribution.

We encourage the promotion of the EOI for the Vegetation Management Working Group and other Consultative Groups with your members and networks.

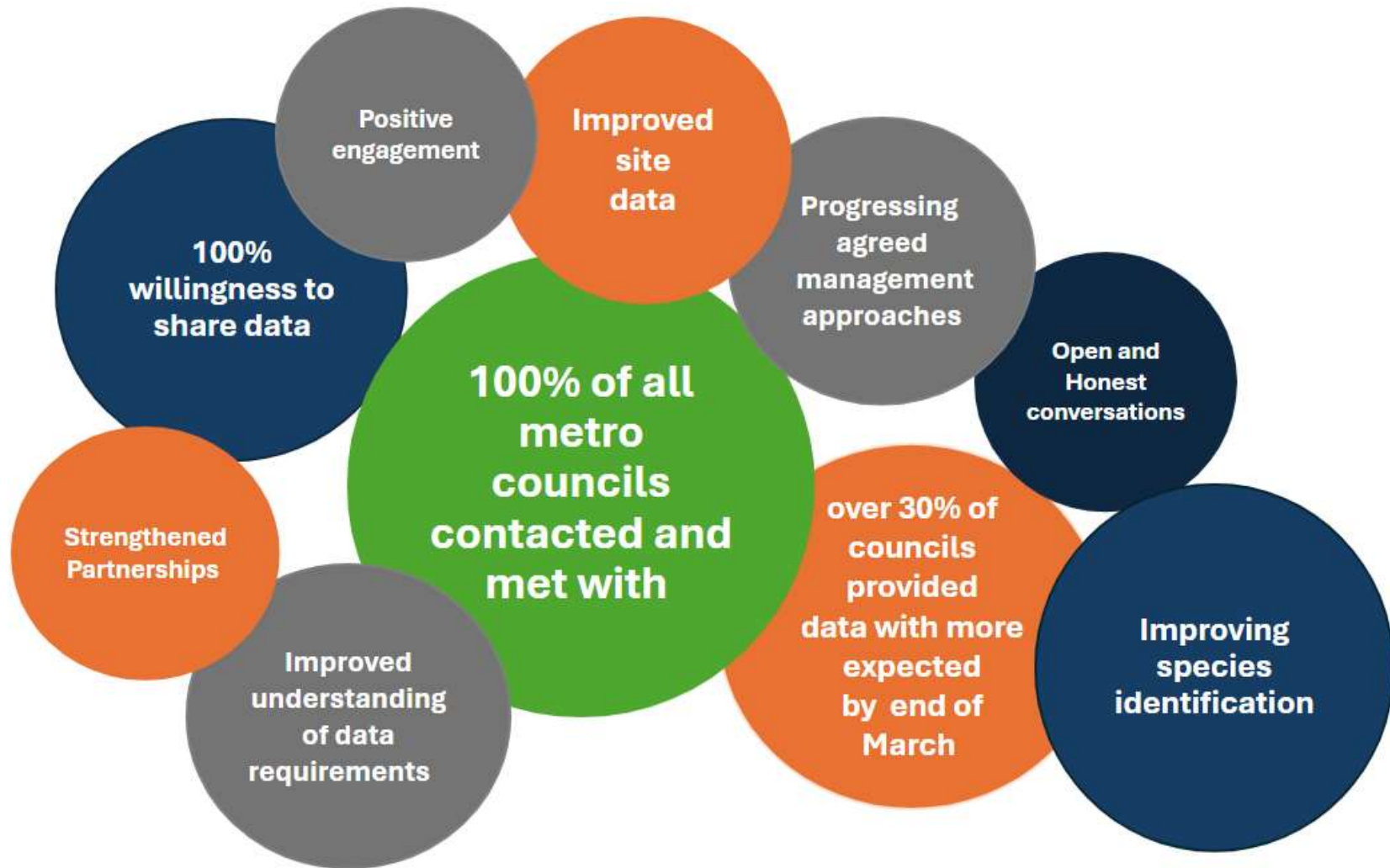
EOI commence late March, with new members being appointed from April/May 2026.

Non-Compliant program update

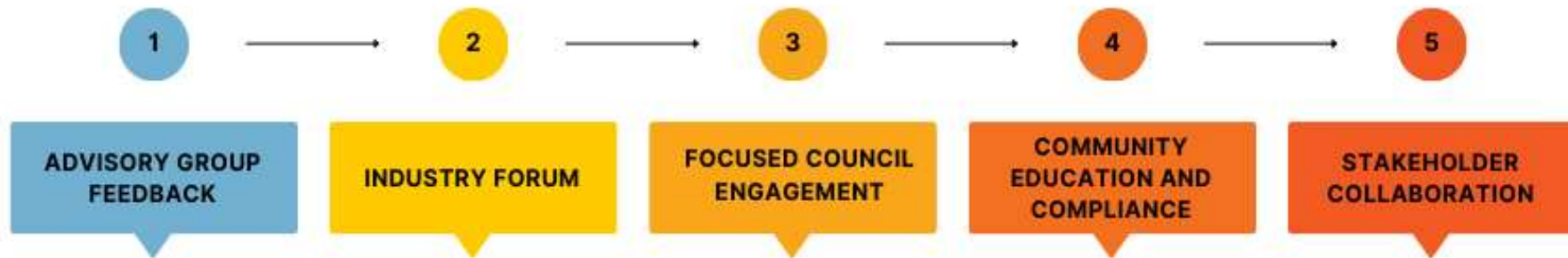
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Update on program to date

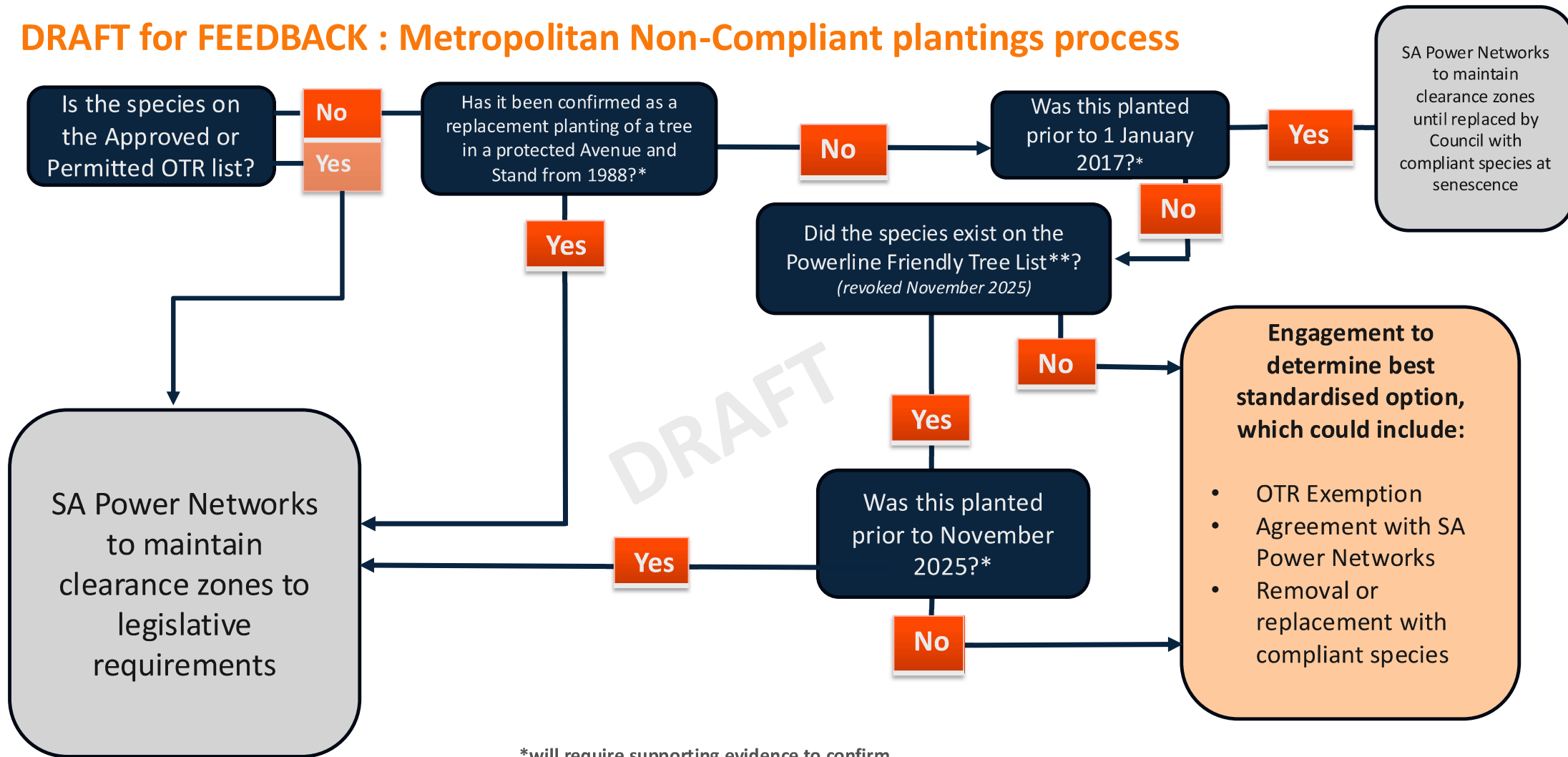


Non-compliant species management roadmap



✓ Complete	✓ Complete	✓ Complete	Ongoing	Ongoing
Continue to engage via renewed membership	Hosted in October 2025 will now occur as an ongoing annual event	All metro councils engaged and regional engagement commenced	Attendance at field Days, Touch a Truck, Updates to communications shared with councils	Dedicated stakeholder resource in place to ensure ongoing collaboration and Vegetation Manager to be appointed

DRAFT for FEEDBACK : Metropolitan Non-Compliant plantings process



*will require supporting evidence to confirm

** specifically reviewing *Pistacia chinensis* (Chinese pastiche) and *callitris gracilis* (cypress pine)

Your feedback

- Q&A to confirm understanding
- What is missing?
- What may require more clarity?
- How do we best engage?



Morning Tea



Vegetation Services - Operations Overview

Maddison Cross – Acting
Vegetation Services Manager



Vegetation Services Team

Leadership team



Desinta Jeffries
Head of Program Delivery
Asset Management & Operations



Maddison Cross (He/Him)
Vegetation Operations Manager
Asset Management & Operations



Vegetation Operations Manager
Recruitment underway
Asset Management & Operations

Stakeholder Business Partner



Patrice Pearson
Stakeholder Engagement Business Partner
Customer & Strategy

Operations and Project Team



Mel Worrall
Vegetation Operations Officer
Asset Management & Operations



Lana Iancar
Vegetation Management Analyst
Asset Management & Operations



Paula Caldicott
Project Manager
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Field Team



Kev Mosbey
Vegetation Contact Officer
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Scott Rowe
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Benjamin Williams
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Campbell McQueen
Vegetation Management Officer
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Operations Update

Annual Bushfire Program

- Scoping on target, slightly ahead of plan - 47% complete (204k spans scoped as of 15/03)
- Cutting on plan, forecasted back to plan in coming weeks - (13.2k spans cut as of 15/03)

Metro Prescribed

- City of Marion 100% Scoped.
- Cutting commenced week of 9 March. Currently 18% complete (608 prunes as of 15/03)
- Adelaide City, Burnside, Holdfast Bay, West Torrens, NPSP, Prospect and Walkerville Councils to come.

Regional NBFRA Townships

- Ceduna, Cleve, Kangaroo Island, Streaky Bay and Wudinna 100% Scoped.
- Staged cutting commenced this week. 1k spans cut to date.

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MEMBER UPDATES

LGA

- Non-Compliance Program opposition citing need for more information sharing and governance approach
- Clarity over the treatment of trees planted from the Powerline Friendly Tree list

OTR

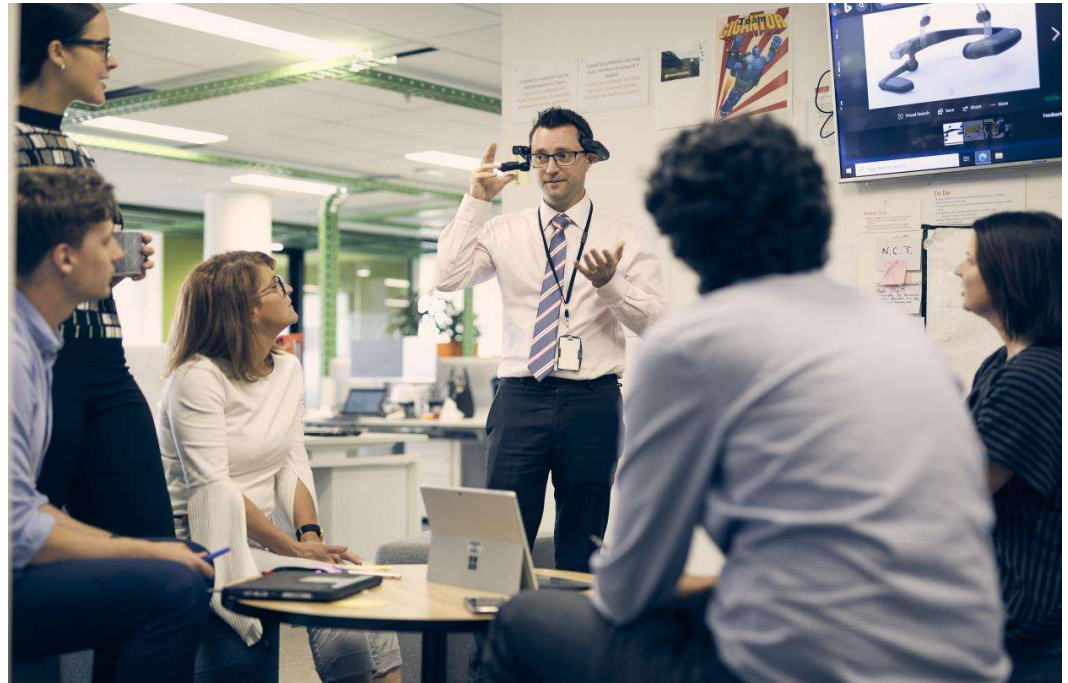
- Update on engagement with LGA and SAPN

ATS

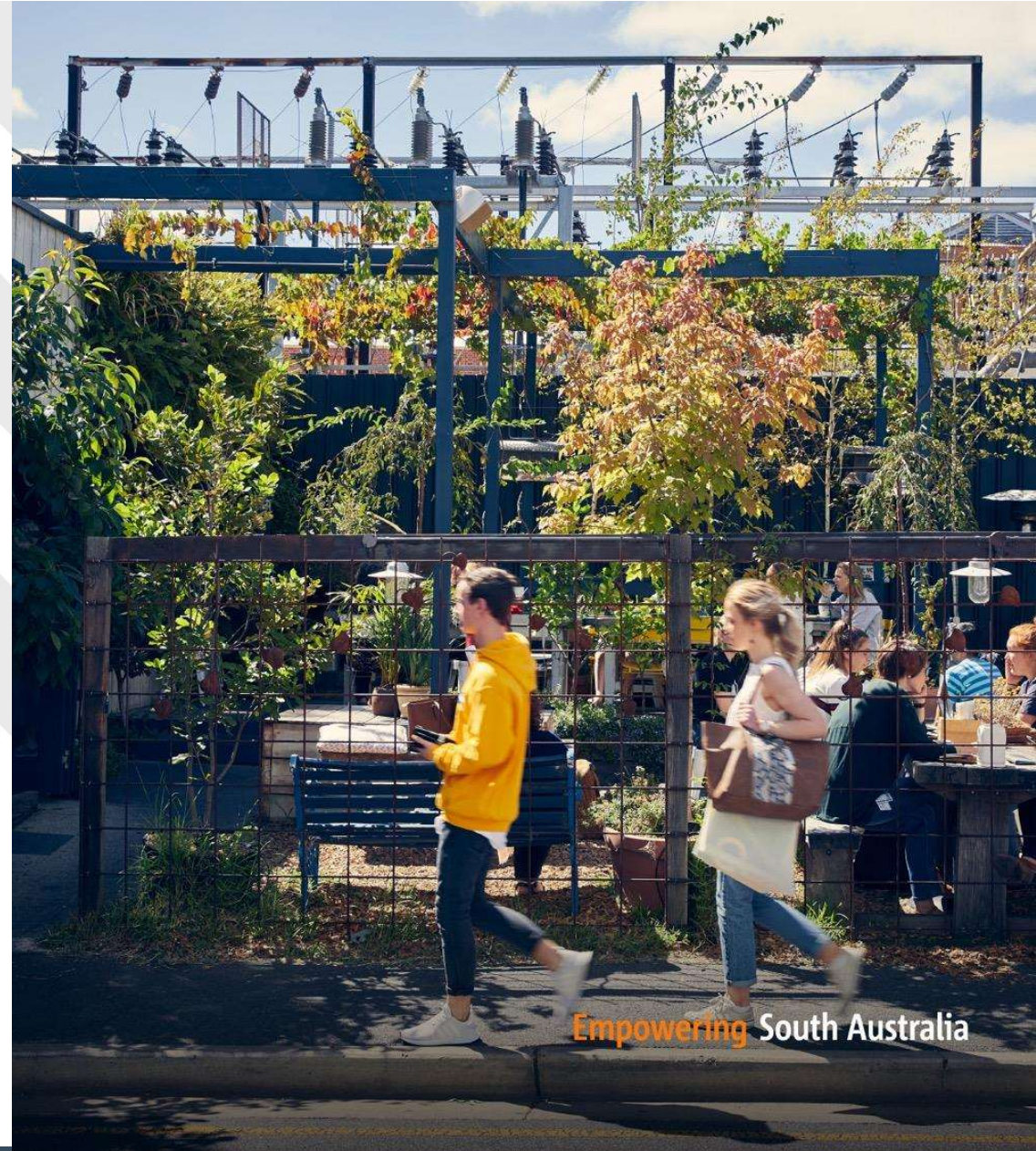
- Program update

Innovation and Engagement Share

Open floor for members to share updates from relevant areas and seek ideas or contributions



Thank you
Desinta Jeffries



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