



Community Engagement Framework

Stage One

Project need and regional research for project concept development

- Desktop analysis to understand community impact, environment and technical issues of the project.
- Workshop project negotiables and non-negotiables with internal working group.
- Hold regular internal meetings.
- Develop a stakeholder and community engagement plan based on the IAP2 public participation spectrum, including stakeholders, communication channels, escalation and resolution process and timeline, point of contact for landowner, community and stakeholders.
- Identify and meet with elected representatives, Council Planning officers, other statutory authorities, key community stakeholders to inform early project development.
- Identify key risks.

Inform
Consult
Involve

Stage Two

Establish internal business case

- Conduct RIT-D consultation with registered market participants to investigate non-network solutions.
- Brief local media and inform community of the project need and process to determine best option (RIT-D followed by further community engagement).
- Project team to undertake multi-criteria analysis of the project options after attending a site inspection of the project area.
- Provide a follow up briefing to relevant government departments (federal, state and local) and identified stakeholders to update on project progress, identified risks and constraints, alignments identified for further consultation, and plans for formal engagement.

Collaborate

Stage Three

Project announcement and project selection input

- Initiate discussion with directly impacted landowners on proposed alignments, usually through one-on-one meetings to identify landowner's issues, concerns and explore mitigation options.
- Formal engagement with stakeholders and identified community and environment groups via briefings, one-on-one meetings, project letters and newsletters, advertisement, community workshops/information sessions and website.
- Brief local media and place advertising in identified local newspaper calling for interested community members to attend community information session.
- Community Information Session / Workshop
Invitees – key stakeholders including statutory authorities and Councils, community leaders, interested environment, community groups and community members.
- Actively manage and respond to feedback.

Inform
Consult
Involve

Stage Four

Review and respond to stakeholder input

- Review feedback from all interested parties and provide key findings to internal project team for consideration of project decision making.
- Revise strategy, if required, including key messages, internal KPIs and further engagement activities.
- Ongoing evaluation.

Collaborate

Stage Five

Alignment / site selection

- Advise key government stakeholders including elected representatives, impacted landowners and other key stakeholders of final project proposal including how their input influenced the final outcome.
- Apply for formal approval through Local and State Government processes (Material Change of Use - MCU / Community Infrastructure Designation - CID) if required.
- Advise of any further statutory consultation periods required under MCU or CID approval processes.

Inform