# **A Guide to Community and Stakeholder Reference Groups**

Reference Groups are a key mechanism for involving community members and stakeholders in our projects.

Like all our engagement activities, we recognise there is no ‘one size fits all’ approach, so we have created a range of Reference Groups that will help achieve sustainable, mutually beneficial outcomes across the entire project lifecycle.

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| **Group** | Purpose | Used during |
| Stakeholder Reference Group (SRG) | Ensure **stakeholders** are able to influence the early stages / planning and delivery of a project where possible. | Long term network planning and early project planning through to project delivery |
| Community Liaison Group (CLG) | Ensure immediate **communities** and interested parties are able to influence the early stages / planning of the project where possible. | Early project planning |
| Community & Stakeholder Reference Group (CSRG) | Ensure immediate **communities, stakeholders** and / or interested parties are able to influence the early stages / planning of the project where possible. | Early project planning |
| Construction Reference Group (CRG) | Ensure immediate **communities** and interested parties are able to influence the delivery of the project where possible. | Project delivery |
| Issues Specific Reference Group (ISRG) | Ensure immediate **communities** and interested parties are able to the influence the delivery of a project where possible, with regard to **specific and time-sensitive project issues.** | Project delivery |
| Bespoke Reference Group (BRG) | Core purpose same as Community & Stakeholder Reference Group (as above) however membership criteria will differ. | Long term network planning and early project planning through the project delivery |

*Reference Group membership will be determined by criteria developed by the Project team. These criteria will involve agreeing to a Code of Conduct.*

*Detailed information about the Purpose, Membership, Responsibilities and Administration of Reference Groups will be outlined in a Terms of Reference*.