Corridor selection process

MAY-JUL 2007

REVIEW OF CONSTRAINTS

Collation of available constraints data, including environmental, social and technical information, such as vegetation mapping, significant flora databases, heritage and existing infrastructure.

INFORMATION SESSIONS

A series of open invitation information sessions were held in regional locations with key stakeholders and the wider community.

CORRIDOR SELECTION PANEL

The Corridor Selection Panel was established to guide the overall process of selecting a line corridor.

DEFINE TRANSMISSION LINE CORRIDOR OPTIONS

Using the constraints mapping, and any information obtained during the initial information sessions, the Corridor Selection Panel defined a set of broad corridors to be assessed further.

DEVELOP SUSTAINABILITY CRITERIA

The Corridor Selection Panel developed a set of criteria to assess each of the corridor options. These criteria cover the range of relevant sustainability issues, including environmental, social and economic factors.

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IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

The corridor options will be assessed against sustainability criteria. This step uses technical information about the level of impact each option may have.

CRITERIA WEIGHTINGS WORKSHOPS

A series of facilitated workshops held in regional locations with key stakeholders to weight each of the sustainability criteria in order of importance. These different values will be included in making the decision on a preferred corridor.

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BE INVOLVED

Nominate yourself or someone you know to be in this Group.

BE INFORMED

Attend an information session to find out how the proposals may affect you and your community.

STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY GROUP

The Stakeholder Advisory Group will build on the work of the Corridor Selection Panel.

INFORMATION SESSIONS

Further information sessions, providing an opportunity to:

- Inform and promote awareness and understanding of the project and the sustainability assessment process; and
- Highlight additional features of local importance.

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MULTI-CRITERIA ANALYSIS

The criteria weightings are considered in conjunction with the results of the impact assessments. This will compare the corridor options, and identify which corridor is preferred. The outcomes are then reviewed with the Stakeholder Advisory Group.

FEEDBACK INFORMATION SESSIONS

A series of information sessions held in regional locations, providing an opportunity to:

- Inform the community, and other stakeholders of the outcome of the sustainability assessment process; and
- Ask detailed questions about the outcomes.

DEFINING THE LINE ROUTE

Western Power will investigate a line route within the preferred corridor in close liaison with landowners.

ENVIRONMENTAL APPROVALS

Western Power will then commence the environmental approvals process for the transmission line route.

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