

**Northern Water Supply Project
Community Reference Group Meeting
1.00pm – 3.00pm Wednesday 14 December 2022
Via MS Teams**

Meeting Presentation – Appendix A

Attendees – Appendix B

1. Welcome and Introductions – Josephine Telfer

Josephine Telfer welcomed all attendees to the meeting and gave an Acknowledgement of Country. Mentimeter was used to share the presentations and to facilitate interaction with participants during the meeting.

2. Purpose of Today – Josephine Telfer

The purpose of the meeting is to provide an update on:

- Recent project activities
- Outcomes of the Site Analysis Workshop and the Multi-Criteria Analysis (MCA) criteria
- Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) progress
- Spencer Gulf Sustainable Development Forum
- Recent and planned stakeholder engagement
- Terms of Reference for the Community Reference Group

Stakeholders were also encouraged to raise questions and provide input during the meeting.

3. Project Update – Mike Morgan

Mike Morgan provided an overview of recent project activities.

Environment and Heritage

- Marine monitors installed
 - Monitors have been installed at the 3 sites to collect hydrodynamic information to ensure the models are calibrated.
 - Flinders University and SARDI will install an additional 4 monitors in the Gulf to collect additional information and to do some of the modelling.
- Bathymetry surveys in progress
 - This will help to resolve the modelling uncertainty including water depth at key locations.
- Start of flora and fauna surveys
- Started heritage work with Kokatha
 - Engagement has commenced with both Kokatha and Barngala, the two main countries involved in the project.
 - Kokatha has commenced field surveys with Barngala to commence in the new year.
- Engagement of EIA consultants, JBS&G and Jacobs
- University of Adelaide formally engaged to provide peer review of marine studies
 - The first review has been completed:
[“Desalination and potential marine environmental impacts with a focus on Spencer Gulf” Gillanders BM, J Stockbridge \(2022\)](#)

Commercial and Technical

- Engineering concept level costing and designs being prepared
 - Primarily to ascertain whether the project can be delivered from a technical perspective
 - Due for completion late February-early March 2023

- Study into non-marine brine management options in progress
 - Onshore treatment of all brine produced is not currently technically or commercially feasible.
 - Looking at blended options, eg on-land disposal through evaporation and distribution into aquifers, and industrial uses are also being considered.
 - Working with Inside Infrastructure, an independent consultancy which provides technical and strategic advice on water projects and the associated sustainability management.
 - The key focus is on ensuring that the brine that is returned to the Gulf is managed as carefully and effectively as possible.
- Market sounding with construction industry to inform procurement
- Commercial engagement (including addition of some of the hydrogen players)
 - Primarily with mining companies, SAWater, Defence and hydrogen industry
- Engagement with the Commonwealth on approvals process and potential financial contribution

Stakeholder Engagement

- Individual meetings with various stakeholders
- [YourSAy](#) launched
- Post cards mailed to the residential address of 188 shack owners in the vicinity of the three sites
- MCA workshop including more than 50% external stakeholders

Project Details

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Questions

How much of the Stage 1 130 ML/day will be sent north of Port Augusta? And how separate will the two stages be?

- The answer to both questions will depend on the outcomes of the commercial discussions currently in progress. While there is a lot more work to do, a preliminary estimate would be that more than half will head north in Stage 1.
- There is also the potential that those discussions result in more of a single stage development.

Can you be more specific on the proposed volume of 'saving' in unsustainable extraction drawdown from GAB and RM in Stage 1? (To not 'just' give an aggregated figure of 1 billion litres at year at approx. 25 ML/day in combined savings in Stage 1)

- This will also depend on the outcomes of the commercial discussions and cannot give a definitive answer at this stage.
- While the water will be made available to the end users, ultimately it is up to those organisations as to how it is used.
- The key objective is to provide a more sustainable water source than GAB or RM extraction.

4. EIA and MCA Update – Alecia Wright

Alecia Wright provided an update on the progress with the EIA and MCA.

Site Development Overview

Alecia explained the process for selecting a site for the project.

The business case will recommend a study site. The decision for a study site will be made by Cabinet when it considers the business case.

The selection of a study site is NOT a commitment to a final construction site. The final construction site will only be decided once relevant environmental and engineering assessments have been completed (Approx. June 2024).

Site Development Overview

Assessment Regions (2021 -2022)



Shortlisted Sites (June 2022)



Study Site (March 2023)

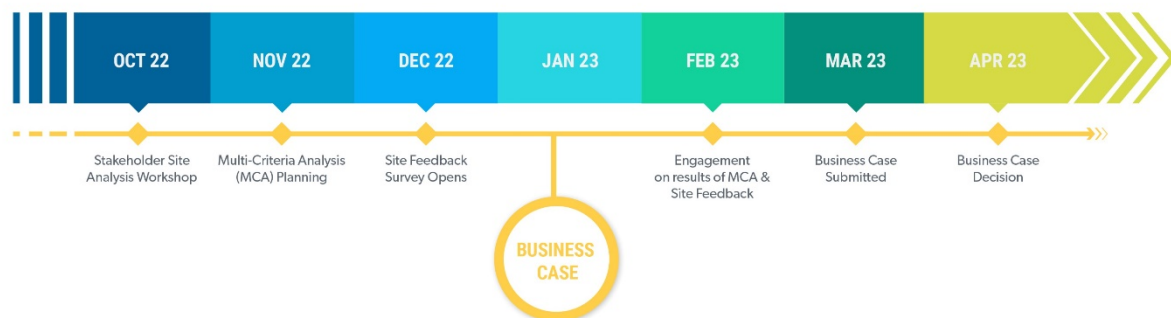


Construction Site (June 2024)

Multi Criteria Analysis

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MCA in Business Case Timeline



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- Summary of feedback from Site Analysis Workshop / CRGs
- Results of current [YourSay survey](#) (what's important to you) - open until late February 2023 - submissions received before 30 January 2023 will also be used to inform the MCA process
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Alecia introduced **Andrew Hickman, Principal - Assessment and Approvals at JBS&G** and **Rob Tokley, Senior Consultant - Land Use, Environmental Planning and Approvals at Jacobs**, who will lead the Core Management Team working on the EIA. Andrew and Rob provided an overview of their respective teams and experience, noting that they have collaborated on a range of projects in South Australia and interstate including a number of desalination and living infrastructure projects.

The stakeholder engagement, scoping assessments and government issues guidelines will further inform the required specialist **technical studies**, which will typically include:

Marine

Coastal process
 Benthic habitat and plankton
 Water quality plume and entrainment
 Underwater noise and vibration
 Ecotoxicology

Terrestrial

Hazard and risk
 Planning
 Bushfire
 Terrestrial fauna and flora
 Groundwater and surface water
 Noise and vibration
 Social and economic
 Traffic and transport
 Air quality

Alecia reiterated that the approach is early, regular and open engagement through the SRG, YourSAy and one-on-one meetings to seek advice and feedback. There will also be the Technical Working Group (SA/Commonwealth agencies) and the Spencer Gulf Sustainable Development Forum. Members of the project team, including JBS&G and Jacobs, can be contacted directly.

Key Considerations

Refer to the Meeting Presentation (Appendix A) for detailed information on the key project considerations, including:

- Flushing of the (Upper) Spencer Gulf
- Cumulative impacts
- Ecotoxicology/migration behaviour/entrainment
- Monitoring/management
- Jobs/business opportunities

5. Spencer Gulf Sustainable Development Forum – Daniel Butler – Appendix C

Daniel Butler (Stakeholder Engagement Lead, Upper Spencer Gulf Projects) reported on progress of the establishment of the Sustainable Development Forum, noting the following:

- The Sustainable Development Forum is a new model of engagement based on the previous Spencer Gulf Ecology and Development Initiative (SGEDI)
- As with SGEDI, the Forum will consider studies regarding the environmental impact of developments in the upper spencer gulf. This will include both marine and terrestrial environmental impacts. The Forum will also consider the economic, social and cultural implications of those environmental impacts
- Members of the forum will define the trade-offs between the proposed development, its environmental impact, and the broader implications, and aim to come to a view about the acceptability or otherwise of those trade-offs. Those views will then form one part of broader advice to government on any decisions made on progressing those developments.
- Discussions are currently being held with SACOME, Marine Fishers, Prawn Association and Whyalla City Council. These discussions are currently focused on (a) establishing commitment to the forum and (b) agreeing a draft Terms of Reference.
- Membership of the SDF will also include environmental groups (most likely the Conservation Council SA) and academia (Adelaide Uni, potentially Flinders Uni).
- The first meeting of the full membership is currently flagged for ~Feb 23. The first meeting will ratify the Terms of Reference and endorse the independent chair.
- It is anticipated that the Forum will meet every two months.
- The first project to be considered by the Forum will be the Northern Water Supply project.
- Membership of the forum may vary according to the specifics of the development under discussion.

- It is expected that state government departments will play a role in the forum, although that role is not yet defined.
- The government will fund the forum up to 12 months, with a view to establishing funding through members after that.

6. CRG and Stakeholder Engagement Update – Josephine Telfer

Josephine Telfer provided an update on the work undertaken since the workshop in Whyalla in October with reference group members and other stakeholders.

Since we last met

- Meetings with shack owner associations
- Working closely with Council to understand local needs
- Updating Stakeholder Engagement Plan
- YourSAy launched – designed to support the engagement component and process, and to provide stakeholders with the resources to communicate effectively with your community. Stakeholders are encouraged to advise the project team of anything they would like added or changed.
- Post cards sent to the residential address of 188 shack owners
- Printed postcards to support engagement – postcards available from Jo Telfer if you would like a some to distribute to your community.

Response to workshop

- Comments and suggestions received from stakeholders in relation to the stakeholder engagement process have been collated and a response provided with how each is being addressed.
- A key aim of the process is to have accessible information for all stakeholders - any highly technical information or reports will also be produced in a summary format.

Coming soon

- Draft CRG Terms of Reference for distribution
- Release community Site Feedback Survey for 3 sites – will be released before Christmas and open until the end of January
- Provide the opportunity for feedback on MCA outcomes during February
- Continuing updates on YourSAy

Community Reference Group (CRG) – Purpose

The purpose of the CRG is to provide a conduit between the NWS project team and representatives of key stakeholder groups and individuals with a project interest.

In particular, the key purpose of the CRG is to facilitate the exchange of information, views and ideas about the assessment of the NSW project between NSW project team members and representatives of key stakeholders, including local communities and Council.

Attendees were then asked to provide a rating of the statements above regarding the purpose of the CRG from Strongly Disagree to Strongly Agree, with this feedback to be incorporated in the development of the CRG Terms of Reference. Results of this feedback are included in the Meeting Presentation (Appendix A).

Community Reference Group (CRG) – Context and Objectives

The CRG is one of a group of reference groups with a varying level of formality and interest in the NWS project. Other reference groups are:

- Spencer Gulf Sustainable Development Forum (formally SGEDI)
- Potential Customers Working Group
- Technical Working Group
- USG Project Local Government and Regional Development Reference Group (in development)

The objectives of the CRG are to:

- Create an opportunity for discussion and exchange of information on the project.
- Assist the project team to identify local issues or concerns, and where possible solutions to these issues and concerns.
- Provide a broad representation of local community interests and views, as opposed to individual interests, that will assist to shape the project.
- Act as a two-way communication link between the project team and the community and disseminate accurate information via existing community networks.

Attendees were then asked to provide a rating on these objectives of the CRG from Strongly Disagree to Strongly Agree. They were also asked to provide any other objectives that may not be included in that list. Results of this feedback are included in the Meeting Presentation (Appendix A).

It is expected that the draft Terms of Reference will be finalised by the end of January and provided to the group prior to the next CRG meeting in early February.

Questions

Is it assumed that the Whyalla City Council is representative of the views of the Whyalla community or will feedback be sought directly from community members outside of the Council's involvement in the project and through the CRG? It is important that community members feel heard and engaged to build social licence and acceptance. There may also be some risk that providing open forums for the community will be invite opinions without restriction rather than engage in informed and considered discussion.

- It will be a combination of both. It is anticipated that Council will engage with the community regarding the project using its own avenues for communication and may choose to feed some of that information back to the project team through the SRG, but the SRG is not the only method of engaging with and seeking feedback from the community.
- YourSAy has been developed to share information and to obtain feedback directly from all stakeholders including members of the Whyalla community. Based on Council's desired approach and advice, there may also be scope to offer direct face to face community input opportunities if that was agreed to be appropriate.

If the SRG is made up of individuals and representatives of groups with specific interests, are they expected to take on the role of engaging with the broader community or just with their own groups?

- There is no expectation that members of the SRG engage with the broader community on matters relating to the project, but this would certainly be encouraged if members feel so inclined.
- SRG members have been selected as they are key representatives of their stakeholder groups and are encouraged to speak and engage with their own communities in order to bring that feedback to the SRG forum, and to direct them to YourSAy if they wish to provide feedback directly.

Is it possible to consider re-naming the CRG as the Stakeholder Reference Group to avoid confusion that it involves direct community engagement? And to see an engagement plan with incorporates activities and communication with both key stakeholders and the broader community?

- The group can be re-named to the Stakeholder Reference Group if the group feels this is more appropriate.

- An engagement plan is currently being finalised with more information to be provided at the next SRG meeting in early February 2023.

Management of SRG

- The SRG will be established and managed by the SA Government NSW project team, Infrastructure SA.
- SRG meetings will be arranged and facilitated by the NWS Stakeholder Engagement Manager.
- Agenda prepared and distributed at least five working days prior to the meeting.
- Notes of Discussion of the Reference Group's formal meetings (summarising key discussions and key outcomes) will be undertaken by an independent external minute taker.
- A copy will be distributed to all members within 10 working days of the meeting.

Membership

The SRG aims to represent the broadest possible range of local community interests and views comprising representatives from local councils, local community and special interest groups.

- Local government
- Environment/conservation groups
- Traditional owners
- Marine advocacy groups
- Landholders
- Residents, businesses and community
- Commercial fisheries and aquaculture
- Recreational fishers

Membership Discussion

Attendees were asked to consider the following questions in relationship to CRG membership:

- What is important to consider in membership?
- Should membership numbers be capped?
- Should we call for nominations or have open membership?

MEETING ACTIONS

1. SRG members to encourage members of their respective stakeholder groups to complete the [YourSAy survey](#) by the end of January 2023 (participation requires registration at the YourSAy page).
2. Josephine Telfer to circulate the Membership Discussion questions to SRG members to provide feedback.
3. SRG members to advise Josephine Telfer of the names of anyone that should be invited to join the SRG - josephine.telfer2@sa.gov.au.
4. SRG members to contact Josephine Telfer if they wish to obtain the contact details for any of the project team, including JBS&G and Jacobs.

Next Meeting

TBC – Early February 2023

Northern Water Supply

Sustainable water to unlock wealth in South Australia

**Community Reference Group –
Initial meeting**



Acknowledgement of Country



We pay our respects to Community and to Elders past, present and emerging. We recognise the unique place held by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the original custodians of Australia's lands and waterways, with histories of continuous connection dating back to the beginning of the Dreaming.

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Agenda

ID	Topic	Presenter	Time
1	Welcome and introductions	Josephine	1:00
2	Purpose of today	Josephine	1:10
3	Project Update	Mike Morgan	1:15
4	MCA and EIA update	Alecia	1:35
5	Stand and Stretch	All	2:05pm
6	SG Sustainable Development Forum	Dan Butler	2:10pm
7	Stakeholder engagement update including CRG option	Josephine	2:30pm
8	Wrap up and close	Josephine	3:00pm



House keeping

- Turn off distractions
- Introducing Mentimeter
- Comments and question field in Menti as we go
- Wrap up at 3:00pm with a stretch break at the mid point

Introductions - name and organisation



What best describes the organisations you representing today?





Purpose of today

- To provide you with an update
 - recent project activities (Mike)
 - outcomes from Site Analysis Workshop and the MCA criteria (Alecia)
 - EIA progress (Alecia)
 - Spencer Gulf Sustainable Development Forum (Dan Butler)
 - Recent and planned stakeholder engagement (Josephine)
- For you to raise questions and provide input
- To discuss setting up a formal Community Reference Group terms of reference (Josephine)

Project Update

Mike Morgan



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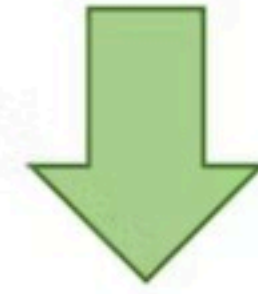
EIA and MCA update

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Project Team

Core Management Team



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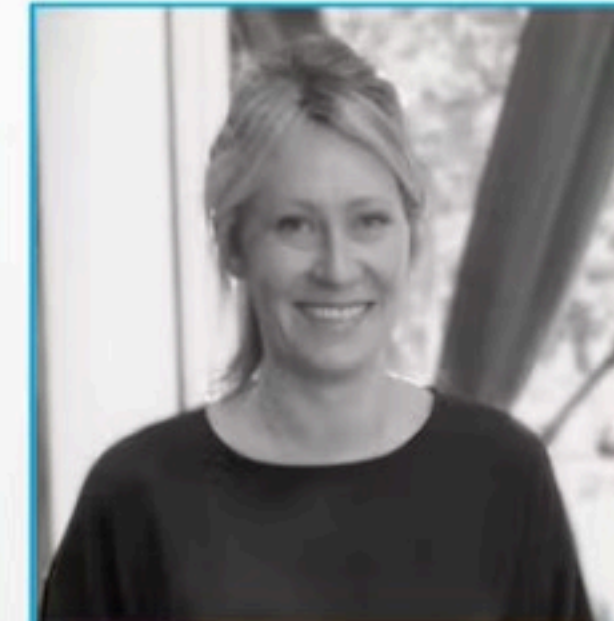
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Marine
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Experience and Approach



Multi-disciplinary and experienced team

Mix of technical expertise across both the marine and terrestrial environments as well as the regulatory approvals process and document delivery.

JBS&G and Jacobs have separately and jointly worked on many major infrastructure approvals projects under South Australian and Commonwealth legislation.

Supplemented experience with additional specialist sub-consultants.



Transparent and collaborative stakeholder engagement

Approach to engagement is aligned with that of ISA.

Early and ongoing stakeholders involvement a critical component to the successful delivery of an environmental and social impact assessment and approvals process.

Commitment to continue to work in a collaborative manner to inform the scope of the studies and assessment.



Scientific rigour

There is extensive existing marine and terrestrial environmental data across the region. In addition to previous bodies of work, the team will undertake new baseline studies.



Social, Economic and Environmental Impact Assessment

- Our approach is **early, regular, open** engagement
- We'll use the CRGs, YourSAy, one-on-one meetings to seek advice and feedback
- We'll also have a Technical Working Group (SA/Commonwealth agencies)
- Plus new SGEDI
- Number of people in the team (including J&J) who can be approached directly – phone, email
- We want to know what you think – please tell us





Key Considerations (not exhaustive)

- **Flushing of the (Upper) Spencer Gulf**
 - Will brine be dispersed so as to not cause impacts on marine life?
 - Will brine be flushed so it doesn't accumulate in the Gulf?
 - How will Climate Change (temp, salinity, sea level rise, acidity) impact?
 - How will drought tides / weather events (storms etc) impact dispersion/accumulation
- **Cumulative Impacts**
 - Impact of hydrogen developments, exports/shipping, industrialisation of Gulf
- **Ecotoxicology / Migration Behaviour / Entrainment**
 - Impact of brine on marine species (especially Cuttlefish and prawns)
 - Impact on Cuttlefish migration from open waters to Point Lowly
 - Entrainment (especially eggs and larvae)
- **Monitoring/Management:**
 - What needs to be monitored, when, how long?
 - Licencing conditions
 - What happens if monitoring shows issues?
- **Jobs / Business Opportunities**
 - How many jobs will be created?
 - Opportunities for local business?
 - Expected economic growth/opportunities



STRETCH BREAK

Spencer Gulf Sustainable Development Forum

Daniel Butler



CRG and Stakeholder engagement

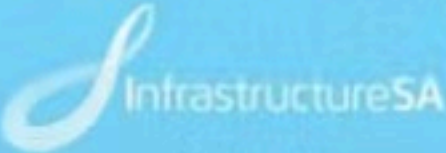
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BUSINESS CASE

 Government of South Australia

 InfrastructureSA

Northern Water Supply

The Northern Water Supply (NWS) project is one of a number of projects being considered for the Upper Spencer Gulf as part of the State Government's plan to decarbonise local industry, provide for future jobs and economic development, and position the region as a global leader in the net-zero economy.

Northern Water Supply is currently preparing a business case. The business case will assess the environmental, social and economic benefits and impacts of a seawater desalination plant and 450km pipeline reaching from the Upper Spencer Gulf to the far north, this will help decide if the project should progress.

HAVE YOUR SAY!

We want to hear from you about what elements are **most important to you** and **how these could be considered**.

BUSINESS CASE

Northern Water Supply

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For more information and to get involved visit our **YourSAy** page or **contact our team**.

 **YourSAy**

 **Website**

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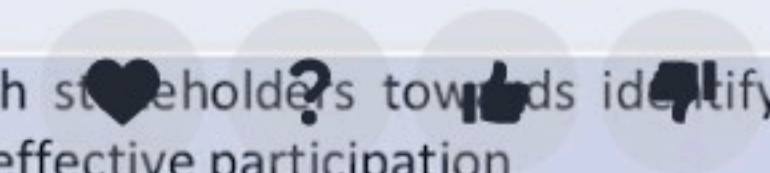
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Response to workshop

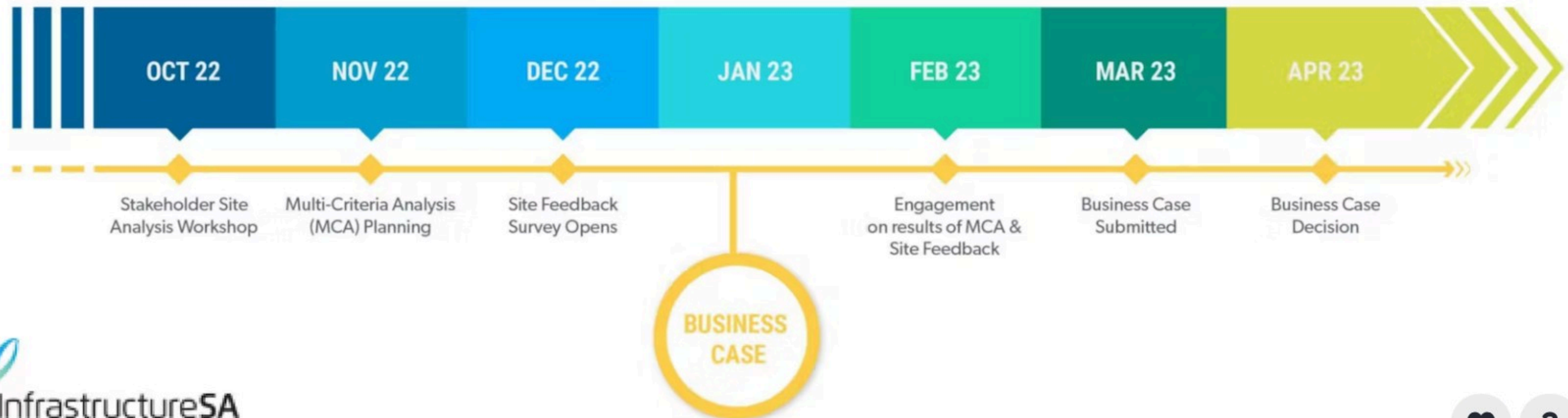
Workshop Comment	Response
Involve stakeholders in study design	This will be managed by the EIS contractor and make use of SGSDf and the CRG
Be prepared, honest, don't pretend to know it all but have a real understanding	Noted
Ensure opportunities for involvement of broader community – doesn't need to be face to face, eg online etc	- YourSAy and phone and email contact details provided - Development of postcard to help raise awareness - Working towards the development of a shared engagement space for multiple projects to make it easier for community to engage with projects on their terms.
How to prevent consultation fatigue? Having the opportunities and putting them out there with clear message if how to be involved. They will decide if they get involved or not.	- YourSAy and phone and email contact details provided - Development of postcard to help raise awareness - Working towards the development of a shared engagement space for multiple projects to make it easier for community to engage with projects on their terms.
Communicate the 'waves' of engagement as people don't often engage until it 'gets real'	A timeline for engagement over the project (at this stage to BC completion) will be prepared.
Coordinate engagement across all the projects, eg information days	Working towards the development of a shared engagement space for multiple projects to make it easier for community to engage with projects on their terms.
Reporting back how engagement has been acted on	- In the short term, this will be a role of the CRG with minutes and presentations uploaded online and summary documents prepared. - Formal reporting of how stakeholder and community input has influenced the project will be documented in detailed Stakeholder Engagement Report that will be prepared as part of the Business Case

Workshop Comment	Response
Go back with a 'what we heard'	- Summaries of what we have heard will be provided to stakeholders in the form of short summary documents provided at key milestones (such as following the close of a survey or workshop). - We will also integrate what we have heard from the community is collateral developed that is informed by community input.
Community response will vary depending on the site – underlying community 'pain' associated with Point Lowly	- Noted. - We will invite the community to provide feedback on what they want considered for each of the three short listed sites and will then also provide an update on the outcomes of the MCA Process
Platform continually updated as the project progresses	We will take this into account when undertaking engagement planning.
Need to engage and value community input – so many governments have burned bridges by not valuing input	Noted. The project has undertaken extensive engagement with community representatives and reviewed community submissions.
Ongoing iterative process	Stakeholder Engagement on the project will be dynamic and responsive.
More 'chewable' chunks of data	- Provide information on the YourSAy page as it becomes available. - Where reports are likely to be of significant public interest and the length and/or complexity is high, a 2-3 page summary of the report will be provided (using accessible language).
Generally supportive of 6 weekly (or other regular period) meetings supported by your say	Noted to be confirmed today (14 Decemeber)
Shop front for community to visit to ask questions etc – very good idea	Working towards the development of a shared engagement space for multiple projects to make it easier for community to engage with projects on their terms.
Appreciated financial support to attend where positions are volunteer based	We will continue to work with stakeholders towards identifying and removing barriers to their effective participation



Coming up soon!

- Draft CRG Terms of Reference for distribution
- Release community Site Feedback Survey – for three sites
- Allow opportunity for feedback on MCA outcomes
- Continuing updates on YourSAy



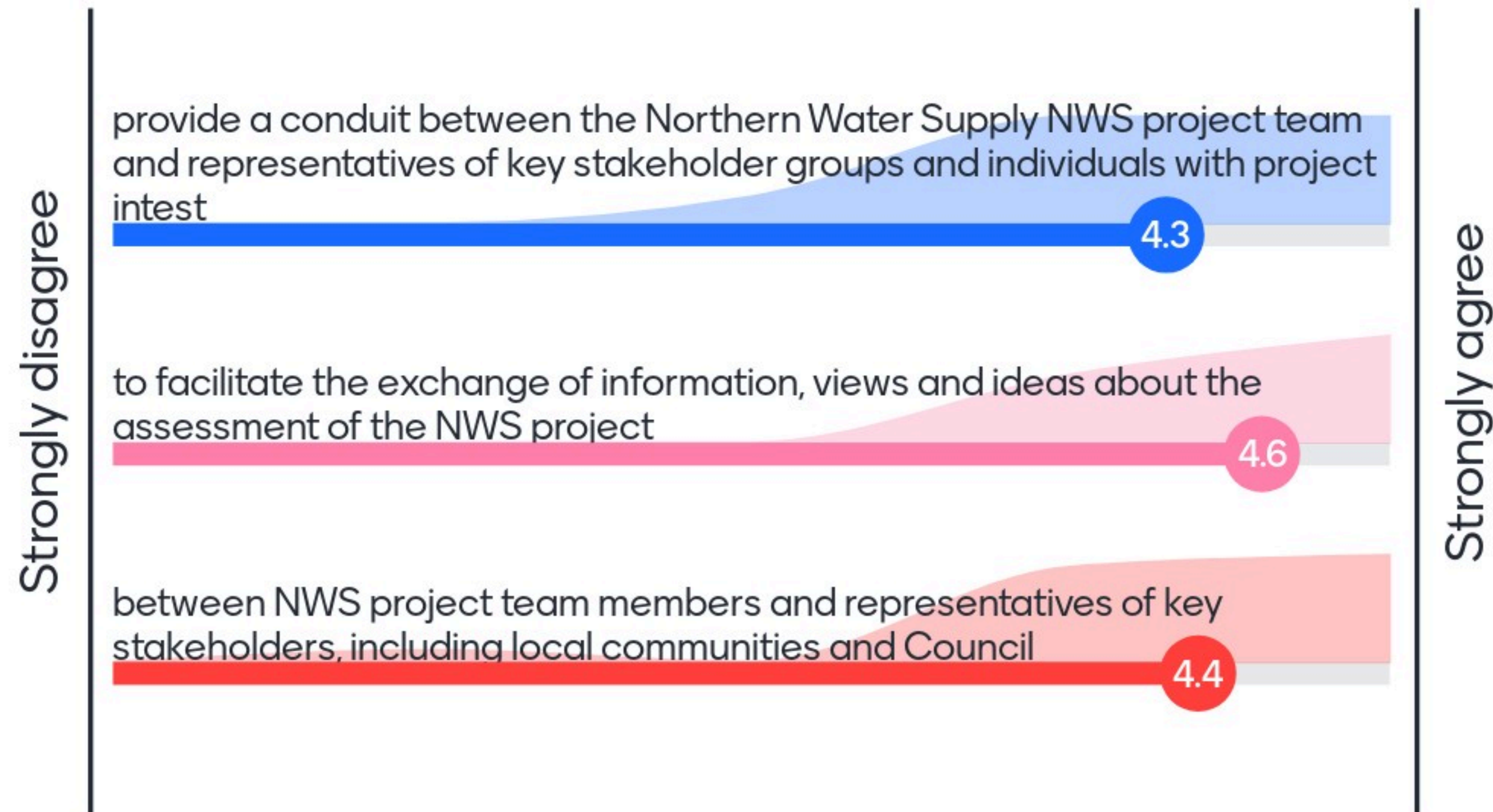


CRG - Purpose

The purpose of the Community Reference Group (CRG) is to provide a conduit between the Northern Water Supply NWS project team and representatives of key stakeholder groups and individuals with a project interest.

In particular, the key purpose of the CRG is to facilitate the exchange of information, views and ideas about the assessment of the NWS project between NWS project team members and representatives of key stakeholders, including local communities and Council

How much do you support the following statements as part of the CRG purpose?





Context

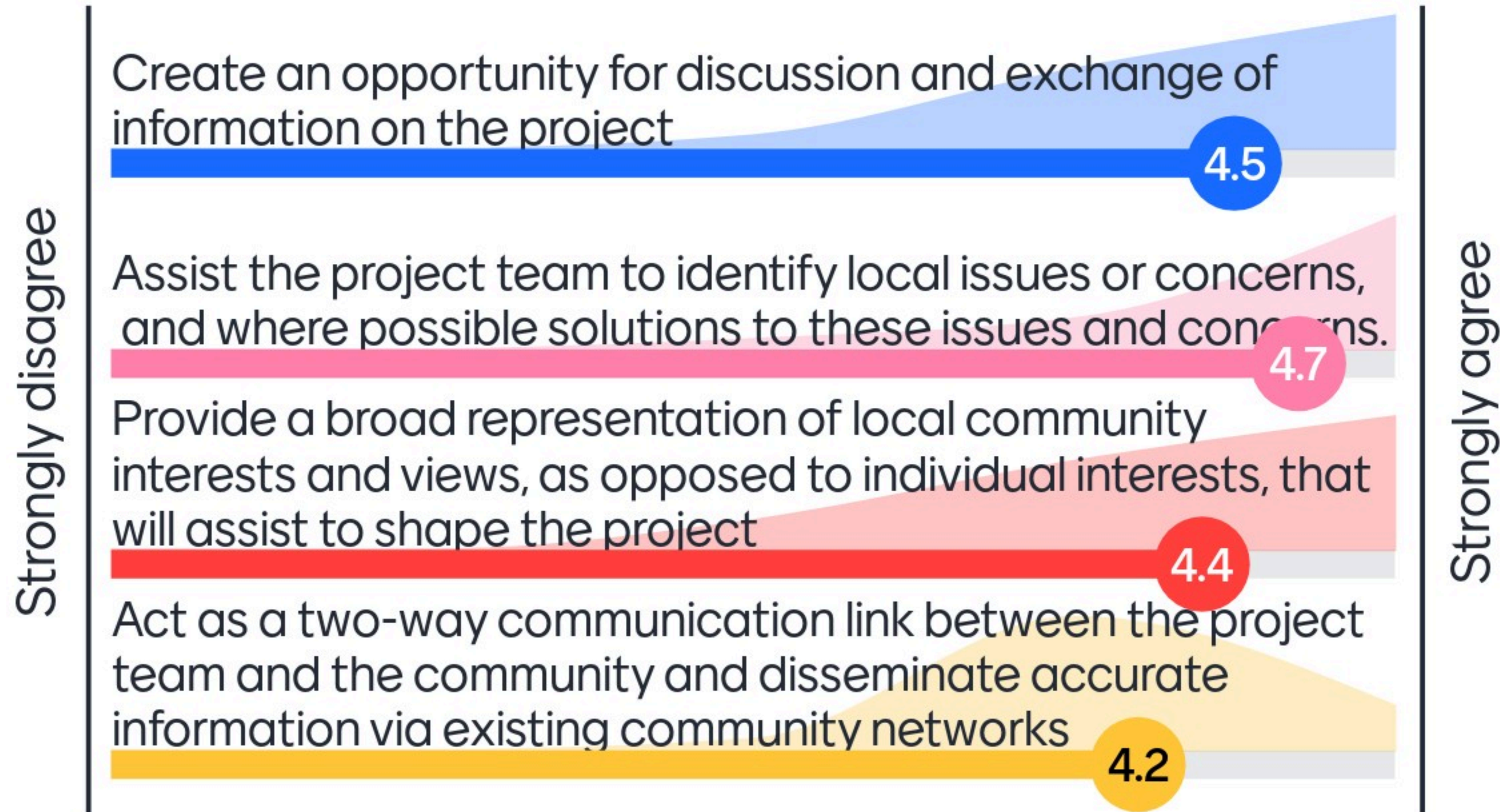
The CRG is one of a group of reference groups with a varying level of formality and interest in the NWS project. Other reference groups are:

- Spencer Gulf Sustainable Development Forum (formally SGEDI)
- Potential Customers Working Group
- Technical Working Group
- USG Project Local Government and Regional Development Reference Group (in development)

Objectives

- Create an **opportunity for discussion** and **exchange of information** on the project.
- Assist the project team to **identify local issues** or concerns, and where possible **solutions** to these issues and concerns.
- Provide a **broad representation** of **local community interests** and views, as opposed to individual interests, that will **assist to shape** the project.
- Act as a **two-way communication** link between the project team and the community and disseminate accurate information via existing community networks

I think this is an important objective



What, if anything, is missing from the draft CRG objectives?

Ok

New title- e.g. stake holder reference group
Anticipated role(s) of Local Government
(clarification)



Management

- The CRG will be established and managed by the SA Government NWS project team, Infrastructure SA.
- CRG meetings will be arranged and facilitated by the NWS Stakeholder Engagement Manager.
- Agenda prepared and distributed at least five working days prior to the meeting.
- Notes of Discussion of the Reference Group's formal meetings (summarising discussions and key outcomes) will be undertaken by and independent external minute taker.
- A copy will be distributed to all members within 10 working days of the meeting.



Membership

The Reference Group aims to represent the broadest possible range of local community interests and views comprising representatives from local councils, local community and special interest groups. Local government

- Environment/Conservation Groups
- Traditional Owners
- Marine advocacy groups
- Landholders
- Residents, businesses and community
- Commercial fisheries and aquaculture
- Recreational fishers



Membership discussion

- What is important to consider in membership?
- Should membership numbers be capped?
- Should we call for nominations or have open membership?

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APPENDIX B

Northern Water Supply Project

SRG Meeting Attendees

14 December 2022

Stakeholders

David Noonan	Conservation Council of SA
Barry Fryar	Department for Environment and Water (DEW) - Crown Lands SA
Andrew Freeman	Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board
Katrina Pobke	DEW - Eyre Far & West
Robert Brandle	DEW - Regional Operations Flinders & Outback NPW
Mick Cresshull	PIRSA - Fisheries and Aquaculture/Whyalla Business and Tourism
Karren Hollomby	PIRSA - Fisheries and Aquaculture
Neil MacDonald	Marine Scale Net Fisherman's Association
Andrew Padgett	Regional Development Australia Far North
Sonja Morrison	Roxby Council
Sue Booth	Scuba Divers Federation of SA
Justin Commons	Whyalla City Council
Jade Ballantine	Whyalla City Council
Sean Kelly	Whyalla City Council
Kelly Pyke-Tape	Spencer Gulf and West Coast Prawn Fishermen's Association (Online)
Joe Calvert	Outback Communities Authority
John Banks	City of Port Augusta
Roy Blight	Roxby Council
Matthew Hoare	PIRSA
Shelley Paul	DEW
Leonie Boothby	Upper Spencer Gulf Cities
Ryan Viney	RDA Eyre Peninsula
Shane Roberts	PIRSA
Steve Reynolds	MLSSA
Claire Wiseman	RDA Far North

Project Team

Joesephine Telfer	Joined Thinking	Facilitator and Stakeholder Engagement Lead, NWS
Alecia Wright	InfrastructureSA	Manager Land Approvals and Land Access, NWS
Mike Morgan	InfrastructureSA	Project Director, NWS
Lauren Gardener	InfrastructureSA	
Dan Butler	Department for Energy and Mining (DEM)	Stakeholder Engagement Lead, USG Program
Steph Hengsen	Joined Thinking	Stakeholder Engagement Advisor
Sarah-Jane Arnold	Rise & Scribe	Records Management

Guests

Andrew Hickman	JBS&G
Andrew Querzoll	JBS&G
Greg Barbara	JBS&G
Angie Mayo	JBS&G
Rob Tokley	Jacobs