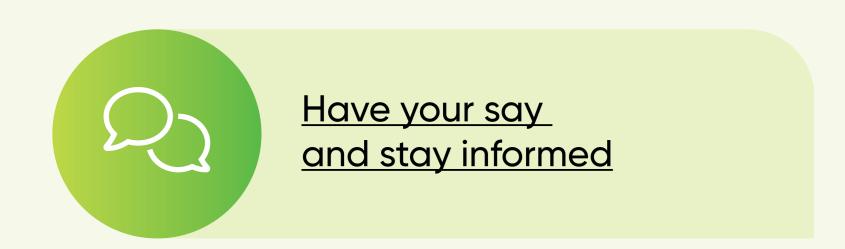
Community engagement



An important part of the Western Renewables Link is our ongoing engagement with the community. Community input is critical to all major projects to ensure that all issues are considered in the planning, design, construction and operation phases.

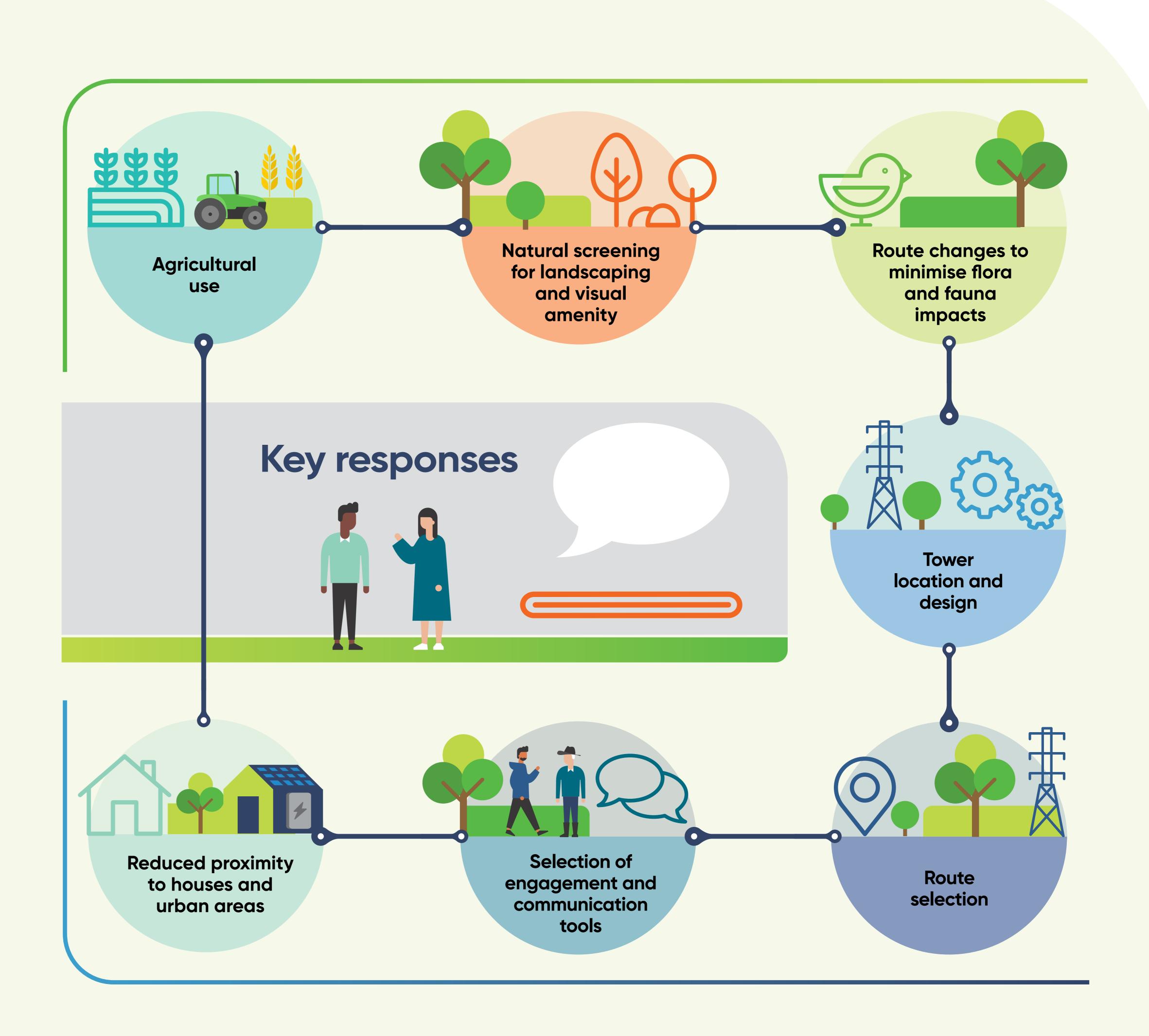
Engaging with Traditional Owners, key stakeholders, landholders, and the community has been essential to informing the development of the Western Renewables Link, and the impact assessments presented in the EES.

Community and stakeholder feedback has informed the Project's development and construction planning. This includes practical design changes to the alignment, tower locations, access tracks, and terminal station locations to minimise environmental, social, cultural and economic impacts and improve land use and farming opportunities, where possible.



Provide feedback on the proposed project or register for project eUpdates by submitting the feedback form.

We appreciate you taking the time to share your feedback with us.



Community engagement events





Engaging with the community to ensure local voices and concerns are considered in the planning, approvals, and design phases is critical.

In addition to direct correspondence, our project website and virtual engagement room, eUpdates and advertising, our project team endeavours to inform and engage with communities, landholders and stakeholders through face-to-face events and webinars.

You can find upcoming events in the <u>Events</u> section on our website and previous webinar recordings can be found on our <u>Resources</u> page.

Western Renewables Link

Delivered by **AusNet**

5,000+

pins dropped on an online map identifying important destinations, sites and features in the project area

2,650+

interactions with stakeholders across 55 info sessions, field days and pop-ups



891 attendees across 25 webinars

25

meetings held with the Community Consultation Group

2,000+ letters sent to

landholders along the route

Engagement snapshot



145,950+

visitors to the Western Renewables Link website



1,200+

people registered for project e-updates



767 key stakeholder

meetings

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14,600+
interactions with

landholders

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1,050+

Landholder meetings

Delivered by AusNet

Community support services





AusNet Services acknowledges the uncertainty and concern around the Western Renewables Link, particularly for potentially affected landowners and communities.

We encourage anyone struggling with challenges to their own, a friend or a family member's mental health and wellbeing, to contact one of the independent support providers listed below for free and confidential advice.

Telephone
<u>1</u> 300 360 364
1300 735 578
rvice/head-to-health 1800 595 212
<u>1300 22 4636</u>
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Contact us

www.westernrenewableslink.com.au

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Have your say and stay informed

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Complaints

If you have a query, a compliment or a complaint, you can let us know by using the online enquiry form on www.westernrenewableslink.com.au.

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Other sources of information

Australian Energy Infrastructure Commissioner

<u>www.aeic.gov.au</u> including information about how to make a complaint, best industry practice and resources for landholders.

Australian Energy Market Operator

<u>www.aemo.com.au</u> including information on the Regulatory Investment Test for Transmission (RIT-T) process for this project.

Environment Effects Statement Process in Victoria

<u>www.planning.vic.gov.au/environmental-assessments/</u>
<u>environmental-assessment-guides/ministerial-guidelines-for-assessment-of-environmental-effects/understanding-the-ees-process</u> including information about the environment assessment process managed by DELWP.

Energy Safe Victoria

<u>www.esv.vic.gov.au</u> including information about the safe design and operation of high voltage transmission networks in Victoria.

Essential Services Commission

<u>www.esc.vic.gov.au</u> including information about the regulation of transmission licenses in Victoria.