

Meeting Snapshot

Developer Consultative Committee (DCC) | Meeting #19

11 February 2026

Participants

DCC Members

Andrew Bishop, *Balpara*
 Ahsan Sultan, *USG*
 Bernice Mwenye, *Stockland*
Christian Llaga Bluefrog Design
 Daniel Owen, *GPEHV*
 Glenn Shallard, *Winslow*
 John Forbes, *UDIA & Dennis Family Corp*
 Jonathon Neate, *Association of Consulting Surveyors Victoria (CSV) & Veris*
 Manoj Patel, *SMEC*
 Matthew Wiegard, *UCS*
 Michael Davies, *Murtec Group*
 Molly Mathuray, *USG*
 Nathan Dennis, *Peracon*
 Narelle Hahn, *Bevwill*
 Paul Bracegirdle, *USG*
 Pradeep Athuluwage, *GPEHV*
 Quok-Yeong, *Precinct land*
 Rhys McLennan, *UCS*
 Ronan Tongs, *Stockland*
 Sam Nettleback, *Plan B Services*
 Tomi Muretic, *Murtec Group*
 Tony Ilijoski, *Assoc Land Development Engineers (ALDE) & UDMGT*
 Troy Cravino, *UCS*

Apologies

Anthony Ward, *GPHEV*
 David Sowerby, *Land Gippisland*
 Deshan Benhur, *Bluefrog Design*
 Gary Black, *Civil Construction Federation (CCF)*
 Julian Bendoricchio, *UCS*
 Martin Gaedke, *Moremac*

AusNet staff

Craig Velt, *Network Connections Program Manager*
 Peter Quinn, *Major Connections Manager*
 Ross Morgan, *Program Governance & Compliance Specialist*
 Lucas Jurey, *Network Assurance Specialist*
 Ally Symons, *Network Assurance Specialist*
 Rene Bothof, *Community Engagement Advisor*
 Lia Mavrias, *Engagement Specialist*

Matt Coyne, *Beveridge Williams*
 Roger Cooper, *HIA*
 Sam Nettlebeck, *Plan B Services*
 Tim Jacobs, *Parklea*

Key discussion points

Agenda item	Key discussion points
Welcome	Craig Velt, Network Connections Program Manager at AusNet, welcomed attendees and outlined the meeting purpose and agenda.
1. Safety moment Heat health	Ross Morgan acknowledge the extreme heat we have been facing and shared some tips for preparing for extreme summer weather, including heat health, dehydration prevention, and bushfire safety Discussion included: There was no further discussion or questions raised.
2. Metrics X	Ross Morgan, Program Governance & Compliance Specialist at AusNet, shared AusNet's quarterly performance regarding design reviews, as built plan review, pre-commission network audits and final network audits. Ross will provide company-level performance and pie-chart statistics to participants who request their quarterly performance Discussion included: There was no further discussion or questions raised.
3. Construction compliance Field audit & build quality trends	Lucas Jurey, Network Assurance Specialist at AusNet introduced Ally Symons, who recently joined the team as a Network Assurance Specialist. He then provided an overview of the field audit and build quality trends, noting they were pleased to share that of the 261 URD Network audits completed in Q4 2025, 184 audits immediately passed. He shared key takeaways, that there's a growing gap between what's been approved on the drawings and what's actually being built on site. This is partly due to design changes being made without approval and more attempts to skip required pre-commissioning checks. As a result, build quality is slipping and stronger adherence to the process is needed. Discussion included: A member asked for clarification on the discrepancy between a reported 30% increase in As-Built data issues and a 17% rejection rate for As-Built plans. The team answered that the two data points are picked up in different times in the design process, one being pre-comm and the other when it is submitted to the data team. The discrepancy can be attributed to the Developer being notified of the issue and then rectifying it before they submit to the data team.
4. Design application trends	Craig Velt shared an overview of the housing estate application rates and how this compares to previous years. He suggested the changes in interest rates may affect future housing uptakes and will monitor how this changes the trends. Discussion included: There was no further discussion or questions raised.

Open Floor with DCC members	Craig Velt asked attendees if they have any questions or topics they would like to discuss. Discussion included: • A member from Stockland asked for more information and guidelines in how best to implement vinyl wrapping substations and the design process and maintenance of it. Additionally, asking whether other councils have started utilising the wraps as of yet. Craig Velt explained that substation wrapping requires council agreement, adherence to standards regarding materials and colours, and upfront funding to cover potential removal costs. Maintenance is the responsibility of the council or developer,. • A member asked about delays and implementation of new substations with automatable switchgear and the requirements needed. Craig Velt acknowledged supply chain challenges and suggested that the specifics be considered off line. We will also look to provide an update on this for a topic in our next DCC meeting. • Ross Morgan raised awareness of a newly published policy on vegetation clearances around overhead power lines, relevant to housing estate developments where overhead line relocations are required and described forthcoming guidance for design companies.
Close, actions and next steps	Craig thanked attendees for their time and encouraged attendees to provide feedback to meeting topics or structure to Lia via engagement@ausnetservices.com.au and then closed the meeting.

Action items

Action	Assigned to	Status	Due date
AusNet to report back on findings from their investigation into noise levels of REFCL isolating transformers.	AusNet (Customer Works Team)	Open	Ongoing
AusNet to present update on implementation of automatable switchgear in kiosk substations at the next DCC meeting	AusNet	Open	May 2026