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# Progress report

Community wellbeing and attitudes to the energy transition in  
the North Perth Basin



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# Progress against project milestones

Progress against milestones/tasks are approved by the GISERA Director, acting with authority in accordance with the [GISERA Alliance Agreement](#).

Progress against project milestones/tasks is indicated by two methods: [Traffic light reports](#) and descriptive [Project schedule reports](#).

1. Traffic light reports in the Project Schedule Table below show progress using a simple colour code:

- **Green:**

- Milestone fully met according to schedule.
- Project is expected to continue to deliver according to plan.
- Milestone payment is approved.

- **Amber:**

- Milestone largely met according to schedule.
- Project has experienced delays or difficulties that will be overcome by next milestone, enabling project to return to delivery according to plan by next milestone.
- Milestone payment is withheld.
- Milestone payment withheld for second of two successive amber lights; project review initiated and undertaken by GISERA Director.

- **Red:**

- Milestone not met according to schedule.
- Problems in meeting milestone are likely to impact subsequent project delivery, such that revisions to project timing, scope or budget must be considered.
- Milestone payment is withheld.
- Project review initiated by GISERA Director.

2. Progress Schedule Reports outline task objectives and outputs and describe, in the 'progress report' section, the means and extent to which progress towards tasks has been made.

## Project schedule table

TASK NUMBER	TASK DESCRIPTION	SCHEDULED START	SCHEDULED FINISH	COMMENT
1	Preparation and stakeholder mapping	1 July 2024	31 Aug 2024	Completed
2	Conduct baseline study	1 Sept 2024	31 Jan 2025	
3	Face to face stakeholder engagement/focus groups	1 Feb 2025	31 Jul 2025	
4	Communication of project objectives, progress and feedback to participants, stakeholders, identifying collaborative actions and final report	1 Jul 2024	1 Oct 2025	

## Project schedule report

### TASK 1: Preparation and stakeholder mapping

#### BACKGROUND

- Gather previous GISERA surveys and workshop processes to inform ethics application.
- Desktop research on communities of study.
- Identify and contact Technical Reference Group members, ensure Terms of Reference are drafted.
- Draft and submit ethics application.

#### TASK OBJECTIVES

- Gain ethics approval.
- Gather ABS statistics and other relevant data for each of the communities.

#### TASK OUTPUTS AND SPECIFIC DELIVERABLES:

- Project ethics approved.
- Individual reports on socio economic status for each of the towns being studied.
- Key stakeholder map for each community
- First Technical Reference Group Meeting

#### PROGRESS REPORT

This milestone is complete.

- CSIRO has appointed the Curtin Institute for Energy Transition (CIET) to conduct this community wellbeing study in WA. CIET have reviewed previous surveys conducted by

GISERA and constructed a draft survey that aims to take a pulse on communities that may feel affected by the increased activity in their region with respect to energy generation and the energy transition.

- The ethics application has been submitted to Curtin University and now approved.
- Five individual reports outlining the data for the communities have been prepared by CIET and reviewed by CSIRO. These encompass the towns and or cities of Dongara, Eneabba, Geraldton, Mingenew and Three Springs and their shire’s or LGA regions. The reports show significant differences in many aspects of these local areas – from small hamlets to city scales and with correspondingly varied amenities, services, demographics and economics.
- Key stakeholder mapping for each town has been conducted.
- The draft survey has been completed and shared with CSIRO staff for review and feedback.
- The technical reference group (TRG) has been established. It is made up of 5 Midwest facing institutions, along with a representative from CIET and CSIRO. The first TRG meeting will be conducted on 7 November 2024.

## Variations to Project Order

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The table below details variations to research Project Order.

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