# How Finance Shaped the S/4HANA Business Case through active engagement with the Finance Community



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## Our focus today...



Our Transformation Journey

Focusing on Business
Outcomes

It's OK to pause and pivot

#### **About Us**





Our Group consists of energy infrastructure company **Jemena** and asset service delivery company **Zinfra**:

**Jemena** provides safe, secure, and reliable energy to more than 1.9 million homes and businesses across southern and eastern Australia.

**Zinfra** is a leading delivery partner to the utility infrastructure sector providing a comprehensive range of services nationally.

Our Group also has interests in: ActewAGL (EvoEnergy), United Energy, and other minority investments.



#### **Our Customers**







Supply gas to more than 1.5 million homes, businesses, and industrial customers across New South Wales (AU)



Through **Zinfra** we're working in partnership with leading energy infrastructure companies to **build the energy system of tomorrow** 



**Deliver electricity** to more than **380,000** homes, businesses, and industrial customers across parts of north-west Melbourne (AU)



We own and operate some of the country's most significant gas infrastructure including the Northern Gas Pipeline, the Eastern Gas Pipeline, and the Queensland Gas Pipeline

#### Did you know?

Jemena is an Aboriginal word derived from the Wagiman language meaning 'to hear, to listen, and to think'.

Zinfra's name reflects its role in providing the 'a to z' of infrastructure services.

#### Jemena at a glance...





\$12.4 billion in assets



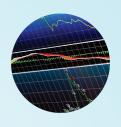
**Top Quartile**Safety performance



3,000+
Employees across
Australia



\$1.3 billion\*
capital and operational expenditure



\$721 million\*

contribution to the economy, through employees, suppliers and taxes



13+ CBD and regional offices across Australia

<sup>\*</sup> Based on CY22 figures .

# Our Assets across the Eastern and Northern States of Australia

#### **Gas/Electricity**

ActewAGL Distribution Partnership (50%)

#### Gas

- 2 Atlas Gas Pipelin
- 3 Atlas Gas Processing Facility
- Colongra Gas Transmissior and Storage Pipeline
- 5 Darling Downs Pipelines
- 7 Jemena Gas Network
- 8 Northern Gas Pipeline
- 9 Phillip Creek Compressor Station
- 10 Mount Isa Compressor Statior
- 11) Queensland Gas Pipeline
- 12 Roma North Gas Processing Facility
- 13 VicHub

#### **Electricity**

- 14 Regulated Electricity Network
- United Energy Distribution (34% Group ownership)
- 16 Jemena Offices
- 17 Zinfra



# **Our Operating Environment**





We are aware that our operating environment is changing







**Climate** 



Pace of electrification



Resilience



Role of gas

# **Our Transformation Journey**





### Positioning Finance members for greater impact



Tech / Data

Technology as a catalyst

Get the data right & use new technology



**People** 

Data & Analytics

Enhancing capability to better biz partner



**Process** 

Tighten integrated processes

Improved forecasting through analytics

- Lift the finance capability through enhancement in reporting & analytics
- Aligned our Reporting & Analytics Strategy to the Finance Value Proposition

# **Our Transformation Journey**



We are at the start of this current change journey



Changes Previous The road ahead is not always linear Lots of learnings along the way!

## **Understanding our context**





- Leverage our rich experience
- "We don't know, what we don't know"
- Few 'early adopters'

No Big Bang change!

- Competing priorities
- Cost pressures
- We have some time!

Business Driven

- Not just about new technology
- Link to business outcomes
- Make the change stick!

#### Where it started...





#### From ECC6 to S/4HANA

S/4HANA Scope discussion

Deliver technical ERP conversion, aligned with the ERP Strategy

Phase 0 – ERP Strategy development

Phase 1 – Preparation for Conversion

Phase 2 – Technical Conversion

Phase 3 – Post Conversion and Future Enhancements

What's missing?





#### Reshaping the thinking around scope – not just technology

Good Business Outcome

- Scope needed incremental value
- Good business engagement
- Solve Problems





#### **Actively engage the Finance community**

Started with Our People

- Bring awareness
- Co-create future
- Make space to ask questions, to understand

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### **Opportunity to realign...**





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Active Change Management

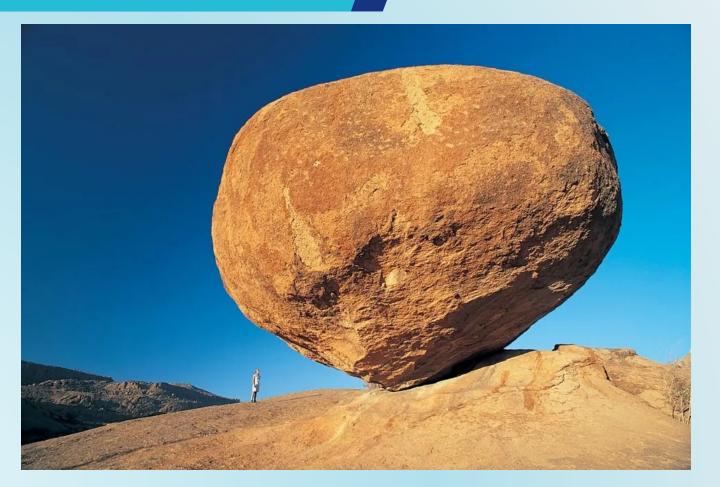
- Clear Finance IT roadmap of improvements
- Show value along the way

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#### **Start of our pivot...**





#### New terms were introduced







#### **Created Awareness**





We didn't know, what we didn't know...

# International SAP Conference for Utilities



#### **SAP Walldorf**



### **Our learnings continued**





Met with our peers

Leverage finance as catalyst

Business buy-in is critical

Don't neglect the UX

Don't skimp on good project SMEs

# **Created Awareness – All Finance**



Series of workshops & round-table discussions with SAP covering specific areas of interest within Finance & our Digital teams



## **Reporting & Analytics SWOT**





# Ran a series of workshops across All-Finance



#### **Delivering Value**





#### Addressing the Finance community pain-points



Solve the data wrangling problem

Free up capacity

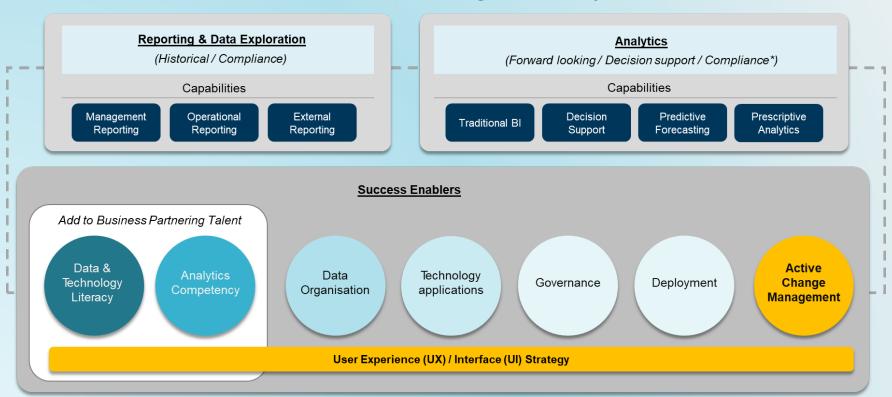
Enable more value-added activities

#### Our pivot...





### Refreshed our Finance Reporting & Analytics Framework



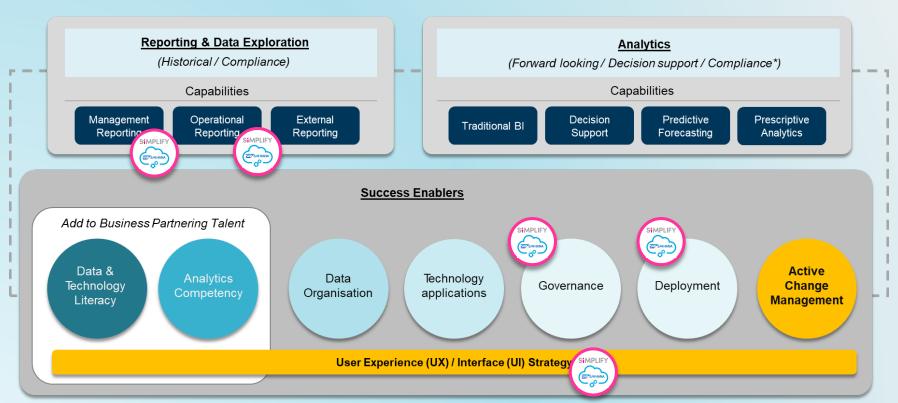
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### Our pivot...





#### Role of S/4HANA



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## Our plan from here is...



Lift Finance capability

Analytics

Reporting

# Foundational Activities

- Data Product 101
- Analytics capability
- UX/UI appreciation

#### Technology









- Digital partnership
- Ent. Data Strategy

- Our Strategy and Plan are clear
- Foundational activities to start with in 2024
- Bring technology teams along the journey
- Our people are better informed to input into the business case

# **Key Takeaways**





Have a clear vision for the future

- Be proactive and get involved
- It's ok to change direction to get the best outcome





