

NWTD SLG MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Name:	NWTD Stakeholder Liaison Group Meeting
Meeting date:	29 April 2025
Meeting location:	Cradle Coast Authority, Board Room
Chairperson	Rodney Greene, Collaboration for Impact

Invitees

Name	Initials	Organisation	Role
Jordan Abell	JA	TasNetworks	Member
Mike Brindley	MB	ReCFIT	Guest
Ken Drake	KD	Marinus Link	Guest
Andrew Harris	AH	Skills Tasmania	Member
Alyce Hennessy	AH	ReCFIT	Guest
Carrie Hughes	CH	Summit Strategy	Guest
Richard Ingram	RI	TasTAFE	Member
Ian Jones	IJ	Business NW	Member
Danielle Kidd	DK	West North West Working	Member
Graham Marshall	GM	YFCC	Member
Luke Sayer	LS	Department of State Growth	Member
Veronica Terry	VT	Cradle Coast Authority	Member
Sheree Vertigan	SV	Cradle Coast Authority	Member
Chris Warr	CW	TasNetworks	Member

Apologies

Name	Initials	Organisation	Role
Jess Berechree	JB	Future Energy Hub	Member
Matthew Dance	MD	TasTAFE	Member
Annie Gatenby	AG	Regional Development Australia	Member
Sarah Jones	SJ	UTAS	Member

Vanessa Skipworth	VS	TMEC	Member
Toby Thorpe	TT	RE-Alliance	Member
Zoy Yerondais	ZY	Housing Choices	Member

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Item

Round robin

- Member discussion about what they had been hearing and seeing amongst stakeholders and community members related to renewable energy in the region. This included a broad discussion around workforce needs and challenges in the region, members observing the level of interest in projects increasing as key milestones are met and the spread of misinformation relating to the developments.

NWTD permit application

- TasNetworks provided details around the [lodgement of the NWTD permit application](#), including sharing information about the planning and approvals process and the findings of key studies.
- Community drop-in information sessions and an online webinar were held in April to allow an opportunity for community members to find out more and have their say.

NWTD update

- Members were provided with an update on key project milestones and timeframes.
- [Upcoming NWTD community engagement sessions](#) were shared with the group, including attendance at this year's Agfest.
- An update on landholder engagement across NWTD Stage 1 was also shared.

Community investment

- A NWTD community investment program update was provided, including the recent attendance at the [Rural Alive and Well \(RAW\) Easter egg hunt in Bracknell](#).
- TasNetworks' ongoing partnership with RAW was also highlighted, including the self-care workshops held in the first quarter of 2025.
- An update on two projects in Burnie that have benefited from community grants was provided, namely [Parklands High School and Youth, Family and Community Connections](#).

Regional economic development action plan

- TasNetworks is undertaking a review of the [NWTD Regional Economic Development Action Plan](#) to ensure it is fit for purpose for the next phase of the project.
 - A broad range of stakeholders were engaged with to gather insights on the plan to help shape its next iteration while SLG members were encouraged to provide responses to discussion questions to help identify opportunities to maximise project benefits.
 - Following the engagements, a summary of the progress, gaps and stakeholder feedback were shared for each theme areas
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Marinus Link update

- [Marinus Link](#) shared recent community engagement activities, including attendance at Ecofest as well as supporting TasNetworks at its NWTD permit application community drop-in session in Burnie.
- Marinus Link provided a project and key milestone update, with a preferred contractor selection anticipated in the second half of 2025.
- Upcoming engagement includes attendance at the Tasmanian Renewable Energy Conference.

Cumulative Impact Assessment

- [Cradle Coast Authority](#) outlined its State Budget Submission relating to a Cumulative Impact Assessment (CIA). The CIA aims to assess the cumulative impacts of over \$15B in concurrent renewable energy projects presently proposed for North West Tasmania.
- Key focus areas include workforce issues, social impacts, collaboration and governance, and infrastructure needs.
- Outcomes include the completion of the CIA with actionable recommendations, development of a central construction portal and skills workforce pool strategy.

ReCFIT update

- [Key components of the Renewable Energy Approval Pathway](#) were provided to members, along with ReCFIT's case management service which was recently established.
- ReCFIT also shared information on renewable energy zones (REZ) across Tasmania, including a closer look at the North West REZ.

Any other business

- N/A

Meeting close

Next meeting: Tuesday 24 June 2025
