

# NWTD SLG MEETING MINUTES

<b>Meeting Name:</b>	NWTD Stakeholder Liaison Group Meeting
<b>Meeting date:</b>	24 June 2025
<b>Meeting location:</b>	Cradle Coast Authority, Board Room
<b>Chairperson</b>	Rodney Greene, Collaboration for Impact

## Invitees

<b>Name</b>	<b>Initials</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Role</b>
Jordan Abell	JA	TasNetworks	Member
Jess Berechree	JB	Future Energy Hub	Member
Mike Brindley	MB	ReCFIT	Member
Matthew Clarke	MC	TasNetworks	Guest
Annie Gatenby	AG	Regional Development Australia	Member
Craig Gosney	CG	Genus	Guest
Richard Ingram	RI	TasTAFE	Member
Ian Jones	IJ	Business NW	Member
Sarah Jones	SJ	UTAS	Member
Danielle Kidd	DK	West North West Working	Member
Mark Lindsay	ML	Marinus Link	Guest
Sarel Marais	SM	Genus	Guest
Luke Sayer	LS	Department of State Growth	Member
Sheree Vertigan	SV	Cradle Coast Authority	Member
Chris Warr	CW	TasNetworks	Member
Zoy Yerondais	ZY	Housing Choices	Member

## Apologies

Name	Initials	Organisation	Role
Matthew Dance	MD	TasTAFE	Member
Andrew Harris	AH	Skills Tasmania	Member
Graham Marshall	GM	YFCC	Member
Vanessa Skipworth	VS	TMEC	Member
Veronica Terry	VT	Cradle Coast Authority	Member

## MINUTES

### 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, including:
  - [Marinus Link](#), specifically the enhanced telecommunications the project brings, and how it ideally can benefit regional and rural communities who can often host infrastructure development as part of the energy transition.
  - The recent media event outside the proposed Heybridge converter station.
  - An increase in the level of support and engagement around Project Marinus within the community more generally.
  - A further delay to the decision on [Robbins Island wind farm](#), which will now be made in late August by the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.
  - The [Clean Energy Centre of Excellence](#) at TasTAFE's Burnie campus continues to build momentum.

#### NWTD head contactor

- [Genus](#) provided a summary of the [meet the head contractor event which was held in Burnie in early June](#). They were delighted to see 150-plus local contractors and suppliers seize the opportunity to connect with their team.
- Works in progress or completed, including eagle nest surveys and geotech at substation sites and selected areas within the transmission line corridors.
- Genus shared local businesses it had already engaged over the project and provided anticipated construction timelines subject to overall project approvals.

#### 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 Tasmanian Craft Fair in October / November in which TasNetworks is an event partner.
- An update on landholder engagement across NWTD Stage 1 was shared, including the Strategic Benefit Payment amount that has been approved by Government, and a recap of the meet the head contractor event.

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### Community investment

- A NWTD community investment program update was given, including the attendance at this year's [Agfest](#). The TasNetworks site showcased interactive community resilience education and hands-on STEAM activities. Genus team members were also on hand to answer questions about upcoming construction and to provide information for local businesses interested in getting involved.
- TasNetworks' attendance at the [National Reconciliation Week](#) Breakfast in Pataway / Burnie was also highlighted.

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### Contingent Project Application 2

- Members were provided details of the [Contingent Project Application](#) (CPA) 2, which is required to enable recovery of the remaining costs to deliver Stage 1 NWTD, including:
  - Background
  - What's in CPA 2
  - Feedback loop / RIT-T update
  - Next steps

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### Marinus Link update

- [Marinus Link](#) shared recent community engagement activities, including attendance at Tasmanian Energy Development Conference and Civil Contractors Federation Conference.
- Marinus Link provided a project status update, with the commencement of [new CEO Stephanie MacGregor](#) and preferred contactor selection expected in Q3 2025.
- Upcoming stakeholders engagements included activities associated with the Marinus Link community benefit sharing program.

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### Response to FID

- The group discussed the importance of the Tasmanian Government's [Final Investment Decision \(FID\) for Project Marinus](#).
- There group agreed that a strong message of support to and from the region was important including employment and business opportunities and the creation of further investment in renewable projects in the region.

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### Any other business

- N/A

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### Meeting close

**Next meeting: Tuesday 26 August 2025**

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