

NWTD Stakeholder Liaison Group

24 June 2025

Today's agenda

- Round robin
- NWTD head contractor
- NWTD project update
- Community investment
- Contingent Project Application 2
- Marinus Link update
- Regional response to FID
- Community participation of Tasmanian Energy Development Conference

Member round robin

NWTD head contractor



MEET THE HEAD CONTRACTOR

A POWERFUL SHOW OF LOCAL SUPPORT

Our team was proud & excited to be involved with this month's Meet the Head Contractor event in Burnie Arts Centre, as the NWTD procurement phase ramps up.

We were delighted to see 150+ local contractors and suppliers seize the opportunity to connect with our team. So many great connections and valuable conversations.

Work has commenced on project procurement planning and scoping, with the procurement activities now kicking off in the second half of 2025.



STRONG CONNECTIONS DEEP ENGAGEMENT



Purpose: connecting contractors, suppliers, and stakeholders for the NWTDC project



Commitment to Local Engagement: Focus on employing Tasmanians and working with local businesses



Presentations from Roger Gill, Craig Gosney (Genus), Bruno Ferreira (ICN).



Panel members included Teeny Brumby (Mayor of Burnie), Clare Connelly (Director of Tasmania Chamber Comm Business Northwest and Chair Clean Energy Tasmania) and Annie Gatenby (Regional Development Coordinator - North West for Regional Development Australia)



WORKS IN PROGRESS OR COMPLETED

- Genus have completed new Eagle Nests surveys on the 2nd of May'25 for the new proposed Palmerston to Sheffield, Sheffield to Burnie and the Heybridge Spur East 220kV Transmission Lines;
- 30% Design completed and submitted to TasNetworks.
- Geotech completed for the Substations
- Surveys (3D and LiDAR using Drones) for Substations completed
- Geotech commenced on the Transmission Lines on 10 June'25, should be completed by end November'25
- Landowner Liaison is progress, around 25% completed



PROCUREMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Local Businesses already engaged over the project

- Tasman Geotechnics (Substations and Lines)
- GHD (CEMP Contractor Documentation)
- RBD (Substation Person In Charge)
- FPA (Eagle Survey)
- PDA Surveying (Survey Works)
- Accommodation (working through options)



- ICN Gateway: <https://lnkd.in/gJ2HEck9>



- ICN QR CODE





CONSTRUCTION TIMELINES (ANTICIPATED)

Factors impacting start date of Construction: (estimated end March'26)

- Environmental Permit approval
- Financial closure
- Executed Construction Contract

TYPICAL PLANT USED FOR 220KV TRANSMISSION LINE CONSTRUCTION



NWTD update

Key milestones

Milestone	Estimated date
Public exhibition of Permit Application by Tasmanian Planning Commission	June 2025
Final Investment Decision (FID)	July 2025
Submission of CPA 2	August 2025
Financial Close	Dec 2025 – Feb 2026
Construction commences	2026

Confirmed community engagement for 2025

- BIG Science Fair, Burnie, Tue – Wed / 19 – 20 August
- Burnie Show, Fri – Sat / 3 – 4 October
- Tulip Festival, Wynyard, Sat 11 October
- Tasmanian Craft Fair, Deloraine, Fri – Sun 31 Oct – 2 Nov
- Taste of the North West, TBC



Meet the Head Contactor event



More than 150 people attended.



Provided an opportunity for local contractors and suppliers to find out more about the work packages on offer and connect with representatives from Genus.



Presentations from TasNetworks, Genus and ICN Tasmania.



Panel members made up of:

- Teeny Brumby (Mayor of Burnie)
- Claire Connelly (President - Devonport Chamber of Commerce & Industry)
- Annie Gatenby (North West Coordinator - Regional Development Australia)



Hour-long networking session where there was an overwhelming feeling of support for NWTD.



Work packages

1. Civil Works & Materials

Concrete batching, transport and pour

Construction materials, work consumables and PPE

Fencing

Major civil works (e.g. excavations for foundations)

Minor civil works (e.g. access tracks)

Quarry supplies

2. Professional, Trade & Technical Services

Arborist and vegetation clearing

Crop appraisal

Electrical / mechanical

Heavy and/or light vehicle repair

Landscaping / rehabilitative work

Land valuation

Specialist engineering / fabrication solutions

Surveying

Timber appraisal

3. Project Support Services

Accommodation

Catering services

Mobile ablution, kitchen, temporary accommodation and crib rooms

Plant and equipment hire

Potential camp site and laydown areas

Scrap metal and recycling

Security

Storage facilities

Transport (e.g. materials, equipment and/or workforce)

4. General Expressions of Interest

Any Opportunities

Community investment

Agfest 2025

Here's what our site showcased:

- ✓ Field Operations answering community questions and showing equipment up close
- ✓ Interactive community resilience education including the popular Emergency Grab Game for kids
- ✓ Customer Experience team supporting customers
- ✓ NWTG & Genus teams sharing project updates
- ✓ Bright Sparks Program sparking kids' curiosity about energy
- ✓ Hands-on STEAM activities
- ✓ Careers showcase encouraging Tasmania's future workforce
- ✓ Sustainability and wildlife protection displays



NRW Breakfast

- Members of the NWTD team attended the National Reconciliation Week (NRW) Breakfast in Pataway / Burnie.
- Each year, Reconciliation Tasmania hosts events during NRW to offer connection, inspiration, and motivation for action and change.
- The theme for NRW 2025 was “*Bridging Now to Next*”, a call to action for all Australians to honour the past while working together to build a better, more inclusive future.
- With an emphasis on truth-telling, we heard from state and national leaders to explore how each of us can contribute to reconciliation in Tasmania.



Contingent Project Application 2

Background

- TasNetworks submits contingent project applications (CPAs) to enable cost recovery for projects not included in our 5 yearly revenue determination.
- The Australian Energy Regulator (AER) accepted our early works costs for Stage 1 NWTD proposed in CPA 1.
- TasNetworks intends to submit CPA 2 in September 2025, which is required to enable recovery of the remaining costs to deliver Stage 1 NWTD.
- Before we can submit CPA 2, we need to update the Project Marinus Regulatory Investment Test for Transmission (RIT-T) and request a feedback loop assessment from the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO)

What's in CPA 2

- CPA 2 will capture the remaining costs required to deliver Stage 1 NWTD.
- CPA 2 must contain rigorous and transparent capex forecasting methodologies that underpin each cost category.
- TasNetworks will provide robust justification for all forecast costs
- CPA 2 will include revenue and price impacts
- TasNetworks will consider application of incentive schemes

Costs	Items
Tendered works	Design Transmission lines Substations LLE
Risk costs	
Property capex	Easements and land
Indirect capex/labour	Commercial and procurement Project Management Land and Property Planning and Statutory Assessment Stakeholder engagement

Feedback loop/ RIT-T update

- TasNetworks must request a feedback loop assessment from AEMO prior to the submission of CPA 2. The AER requires a successful feedback loop prior to making a determination on CPA 2.
- TasNetworks will update the RIT-T to demonstrate no change to the preferred option.
- Both the feedback loop and RIT-T are for “Project Marinus”.
- In line with AER expectations, TasNetworks and Marinus will submit a feedback loop request to AEMO and publish the RIT-T update prior to the Marinus Revised Proposal (due July 15).

Next steps

- By 15 July 2025 - Undertake RIT-T update and submit feedback loop request to AEMO
- Customer consultation on CPA and cost/price impacts
- By 30 September 2025 - Submit CPA 2

Questions?

Marinus Link update

Community Engagement – May / June ‘25

- Joint Select Committee on Energy Matters (V2)
- DCCI Tasmanian Business Conference
- Cave 2 Canyon tourism presentation
- North Devonport Rotary presentation
- CCA Housing and Workforce roundtables
- Tasmanian Energy Development Conference
- TasNetworks Meet the Head Contractor
- Stakeholder meetings with new CEO
- Civil Contractors Federation Conference



Marinus Link – Status Update

- ✓ **New CEO Stephanie MacGregor started 1 July**
- ✓ **Victoria Environmental Approvals Process (EES)**
 - ✓ Victorian Minister for Environment delivers positive assessment
- ✓ **Balance of Works**
 - ✓ Tenders received, evaluation process under way
 - ✓ Preferred contractor selection expected Q3 2025
- ✓ **MLPL Board recommend positive FID to shareholders**
 - ✓ Shareholder decision expected end July
- ✓ **AER determines cable and converter costs ‘prudent and efficient’**
 - ✓ Revised revenue proposal (to include BoW) due in July

Upcoming

- ✓ **NWTD SLG and GSLG comm benefits development engagement:**
 - ✓ Burnie – Monday 25 to Tuesday 26 August (half day workshop / site visit)
 - ✓ Traralgon – Monday 8 to Wednesday 10 September (includes GNEC / route drive)

Regional response to FID

Final Investment Decision

FID recommendation to proceed made by
boards of TasNetworks and Marinus Link

Waiting on Shareholders to approve –
expected in late July

Regional response

It is important to send a strong message of support to and from the region

- Coastal residents will now be paying attention.
- There may be some opposition from sections of community

Important messages to re-affirm

The broader context (contribution to mitigating climate change and supporting firming)

The regional context (these projects will create a foundation for further investment in renewables projects in our region)

Continues a heritage of renewables in the region (hydro schemes)

Employment and business opportunities

Community benefit sharing

Acknowledgement of challenges - but with a coordinated effort they can be met.

Voices from our region

Regional support

- Cradle Coast Authority
- Mayors

Business support

- Chambers of Commerce

Youth (Community Benefit Sharing group)

NWTD SLG

Others?

Any other business?



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