

NWTD SLG MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Name: NWTD Stakeholder Liaison Group Meeting

Meeting date: 9 December 2025

Meeting location: Cradle Coast Authority, Board Room

Chairperson Rodney Greene, Collaboration for Impact

Invitees

| Name | Initials | Organisation | Role |
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| Jordan Abell | JA | TasNetworks | Member |
| Sonya Booth | SB | TasNetworks | Guest |
| Mike Brindley | MB | ReCFIT | Member |
| Mikaela Carroll | MC | RDA Tasmania | Member |
| Paul Cartwright | PC | TasNetworks | Guest |
| Sam Denmead | SD | West by North West | Member |
| Ken Drake | KD | Marinus Link | Guest |
| Jonathan Hammond | JH | Genus | Guest |
| Andrew Harris | AH | Skills Tasmania | Member |
| Richard Ingram | RI | TasTAFE | Member |
| Ian Jones | IJ | Business NW | Member |
| Sarah Jones | SJ | UTAS | Member |
| Danielle Kidd | DK | West North West Working | Member |
| Luke Sayer | LS | Department of State Growth | Member |
| Veronica Terry | VT | Cradle Coast Authority | Member |
| Zoy Yerondais | ZY | Housing Choices | Member |

Apologies

| Name | Initials | Organisation | Role |
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| Jess Berechree | JB | Future Energy Hub | Member |
| Matthew Dance | MD | TasTAFE | Member |
| Graham Marshall | GM | YFCC | Member |
| Philip Reid | PR | Cradle Coast Authority | Member |
| Vanessa Skipworth | VS | TMEC | 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. This included:
 - A stakeholder workshop was held for the [HIF e-Fuel facility earmarked for South Burnie](#), providing an overview of the project scheduled to start construction in 2027.
 - A [Renewable Energy Services Hub \(RESH\)](#) event was hosted by ReCFIT at Bell Bay. The RESH will focus on providing services to support renewable energy projects. The RESH – Tasmania's Supply Chain Opportunities booklet outlines the deliverables required for renewable and future industry projects and offers a demand overview and timeline to help businesses anticipate the scale and timing of opportunities.
 - In 2026, UTAS will launch the 'power professional pathway' in collaboration with TasTAFE, which includes professional experience placements and industry connections, with TasNetworks and TasWater to be part of the pilot.
 - North West councils are becoming increasingly concerned about the workforce accommodation plans of Genus, with the [majority of temporary workforce to be housed at Discovery Parks – Devonport](#).
 - [Clean Energy Finance Corporation](#) is investigating providing concessional financing for proponents to build housing / accommodation as part of their projects.

NWTD landholder update

- Across Stage 1 of North West Transmission Developments (NWTD), work to secure voluntary agreements is continuing.
- TasNetworks is progressing the development of Property Management Plans (PMPs) with landholders which will be finalised prior to construction.
- A [Strategic Benefit Payment \(SBP\) of \\$200,000 per kilometre + CPI](#) will be paid in annual instalments over 20 years.
- Screenshots of the VizAR software being utilised to assist landholders were shared. [VizAR uses augmented reality to easily and accurately visualise NWTD assets](#).

NWTD update

- Members were provided with an update on key project milestones and timeframes, with the Australian Energy Regulator's (AER) determination of the second Contingent Project Application for constructions costs scheduled for March 2026.
- [Recent and upcoming NWTD community engagement sessions](#) were shared with the group, including key takeaways from attendance at this year's Tasmanian Craft Fair.

Community investment

- The Independent Chair of [TasNetworks' Community Benefits Sharing Program](#) was recently appointed, with Burnie resident Alex McKenzie being awarded in the position.
- TasNetworks will be calling for interested community members to join the assessment panel in January 2026.

Change to transmission line structure

- A change to the transmission line structure on the Sheffield to Burnie alignment was presented with the group.
- [TasNetworks has lodged a submission to the Tasmanian Planning Commission](#) to request that towers be replaced with poles at 25 identified constrained sites, including the run into the Burnie substation.
- The change increases safety and reliability of the network and decreases large outages.

West by North West update

- A snapshot of regional tourism was provided from the [recently published Regional Tourism Strategy 2025 – 2028](#).
- The strategy has been developed by West by North West in collaboration with the region's tourism industry.
- The plan builds on previous strategies, connecting clearly and confidently to the statewide 2030 Visitor Economy Strategy, and reflects the contributions of many across the region.

Clean Energy Centre of Excellence

- Skills Tasmania provided an update on the [Clean Energy Centre of Excellence](#), with a quality delivery plan well underway.
- The \$27M joint state and federal centre will deliver purpose-built facilities at TasTAFE campuses in Burnie focussed on training the workforce needed to support renewable energy developments in the region.
- A workforce needs assessment document was shared, which includes projections by region, demand by occupation, workforce gaps and clean energy skills and qualifications.

Marinus Link update

- [Marinus Link](#) shared recent community engagement activities, including the recent meet the contractors event in Burnie.
- Marinus Link delivered a status update, including the [Environment Protection Authority's approvals received for shore crossing and converter station](#).
- Upcoming activities include the benefits sharing draft framework – expected in early 2026 – following the final AER determination as well as revealing accommodation plans.

Future of SLG

- The future of SLG was discussed, including scope, meeting cadence and current membership.
- TasNetworks will revisit the group's Terms of Reference to ensure the function can best support the NWTG project through construction phase.

Yearly evaluation survey

- To be completed out-of-session.

Any other business

- N/A

Meeting close**Next meeting: TBC**
