

NWTD Stakeholder Liaison Group

9 December 2025

Today's agenda

- Round robin
- NWT landholder update
- NWTD project update
- Community investment
- Change to transmission line structure
- West by North West update
- Clean Energy Centre of Excellence
- Marinus Link update
- Future of SLG
- Yearly evaluation survey

Member round robin

NWTD landholder update

Land access & acquisition update

Land Access

- Accessing private properties for pre-construction surveys is ongoing, with Geotech, soil resistivity and environmental surveys underway.

Licence and Easement Option Agreements

- Across Stage 1 of NWTD, work to secure voluntary agreements is continuing.
- Authority has recently been granted for TasNetworks to use the statutory easement acquisition laws for the purpose of the project.
- TasNetworks is highly committed to working with landholders to reach agreement wherever possible.

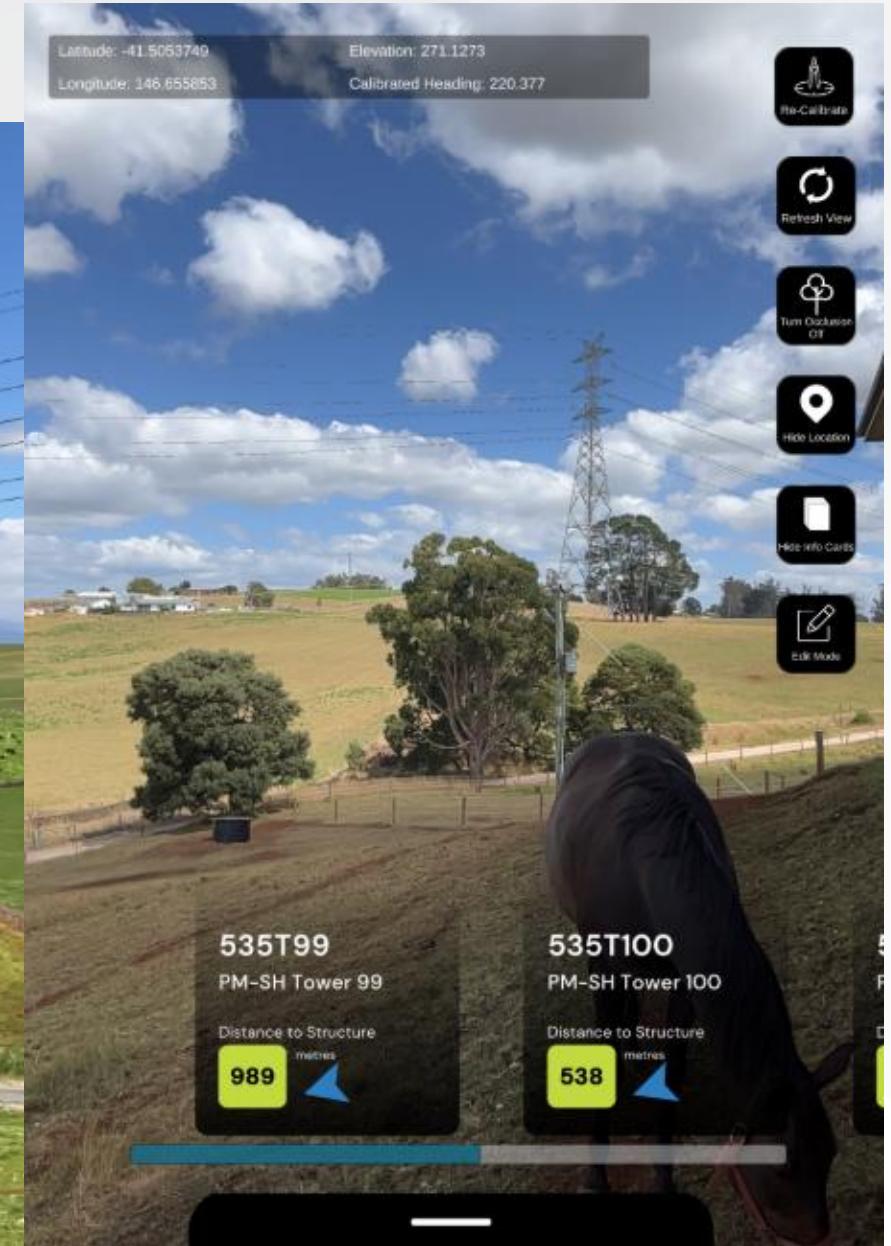
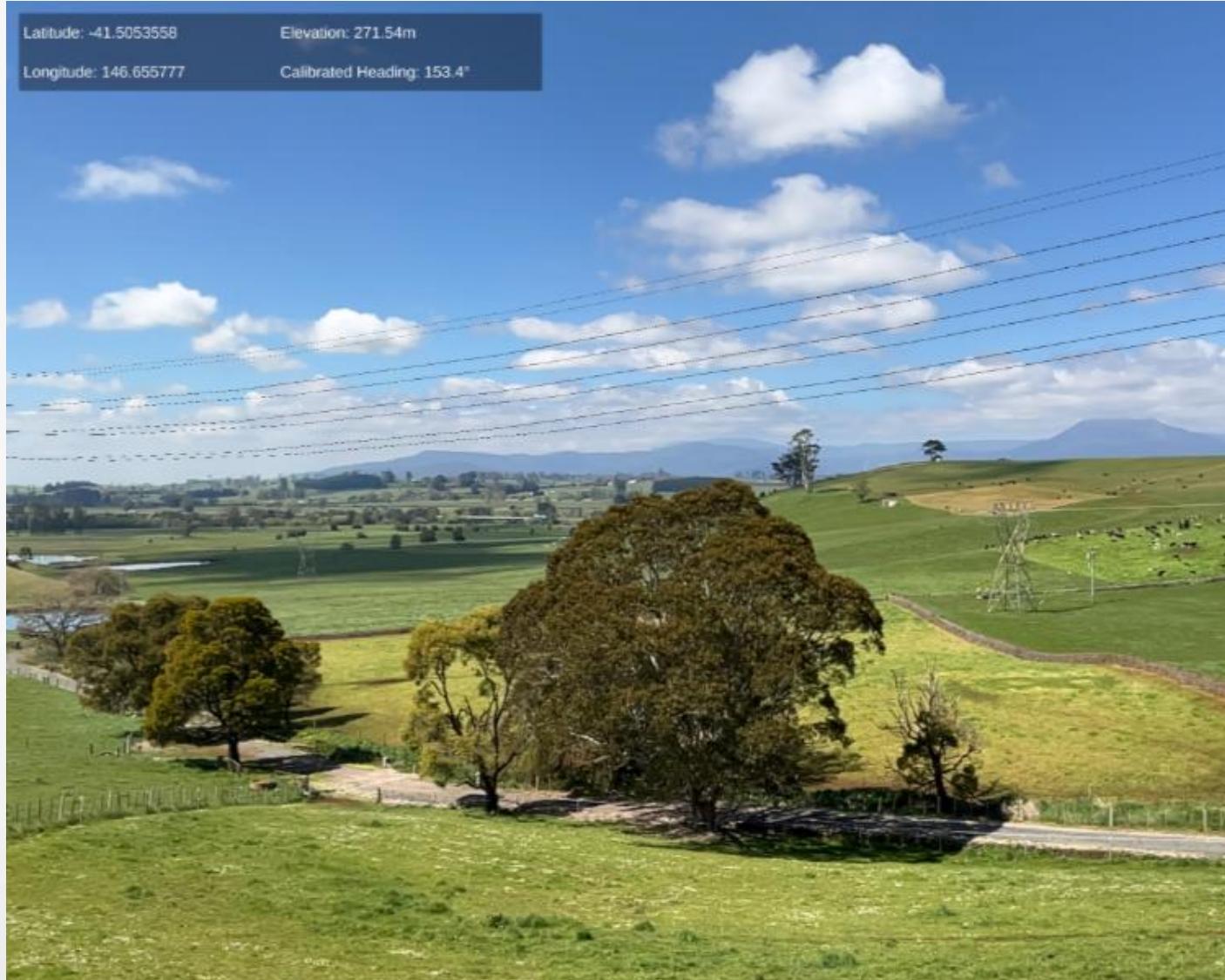
Property Management Plans

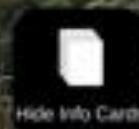
- TasNetworks is continuing the development of Property Management Plans (PMPs) with landholders which will be finalised prior to construction. The PMPs detail landholder specific requirements including access, farming operations and specific biosecurity requirements.

Strategic Benefit Payment

- A Strategic Benefit Payment (SBP) of \$200,000 per kilometre + CPI will be paid in annual instalments over 20 years. For numerous properties that have less than 100 metres easement, the payment will be rounded up to 100 metres.
- A deadline of December 1 was set to sign on to ensure the project can be delivered on time and within budget.

VizAR





Latitude: -41.138588
Longitude: 146.062578
Elevation: 140.4063
Calibrated Heading: 303.1657



538T67
PM-SH Tower 67

Distance to Structure

2.29

Km.

538T68
PM-SH Tower 68

Distance to Structure

2.68

Km.

NWTD update

Key milestones

Milestone	Scheduled date
Permit application granted by Tasmanian Planning Commission	Expecting January 2026
Notices to Treat to acquire easements through statutory process sent	January 2026
Community Benefits Sharing Program promotional launch	February 2026
Land access finalised	March 2026
CPA 2 Determination by AER for constructions costs	March 2026
Financial Close	March 2026
Construction commences (Sheffield to Burnie)	April 2026

Recent and upcoming community engagement

- Burnie Show, Fri – Sat / 3 – 4 October
- Tulip Festival, Wynyard, Sat 11 October
- Tasmanian Craft Fair, Deloraine, Fri – Sun 31 Oct – 2 Nov

Upcoming

- Tasmanian Women in Agriculture 'Ladies Day', Thurs 19 March



Out and about

We wrapped up our community engagement season at the Tasmanian Craft Fair in Deloraine (31 Oct – 2 Nov).

Key takeaways:

- 'Power patches' was an effective engagement tool and a hit with families.
- Positive feedback on the visually eye-catching fabric stretch banner featuring the big picture 'why now' and benefits of Project Marinus.
- Many enquiries about employment opportunities, especially apprenticeships.
- Support for NWTD more generally, with many "get on with it" messages.
- More than 500 giveaways provided.



Community investment

Community Benefits Sharing Program update

Alexander McKenzie has been appointed as the Independent Chair of TasNetworks' Community Benefits Sharing Program.

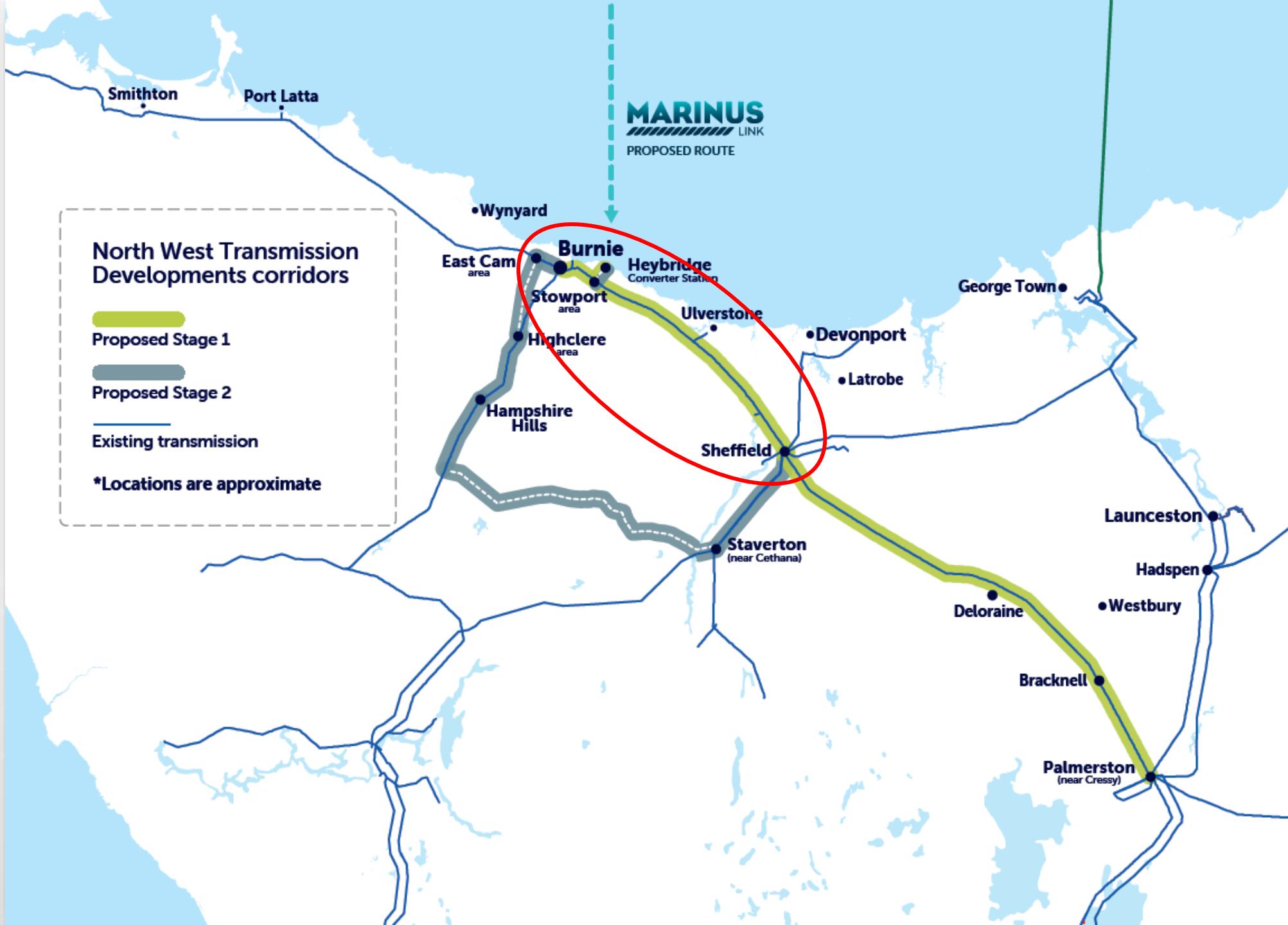
Current and previous community and board leadership roles:

- RACT Group Director, 2023 – now
- TasCOSS Board Member, 2017 – 2020, President 2020 – 2025
- Tasmanian Community Fund Board Member, 2019 – 2025
- 10 Days on the Island Deputy Chair and Chair, 2019 – 2021
- Wyndarra Health Centre Committee of Governance Vice Chair and Secretary, 2018

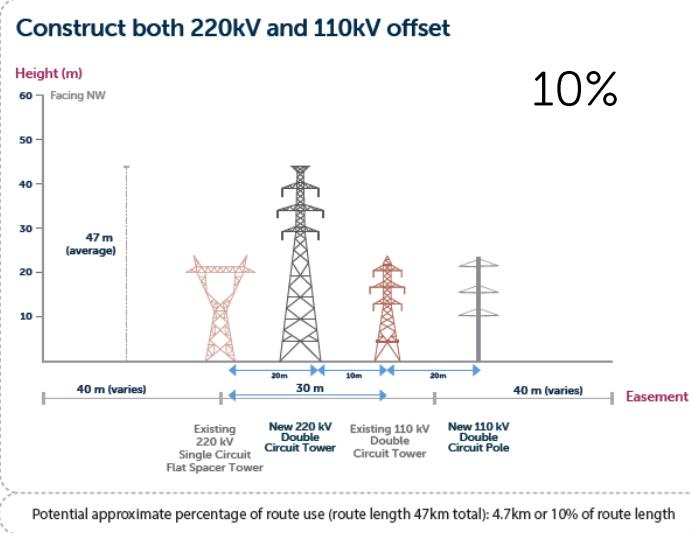
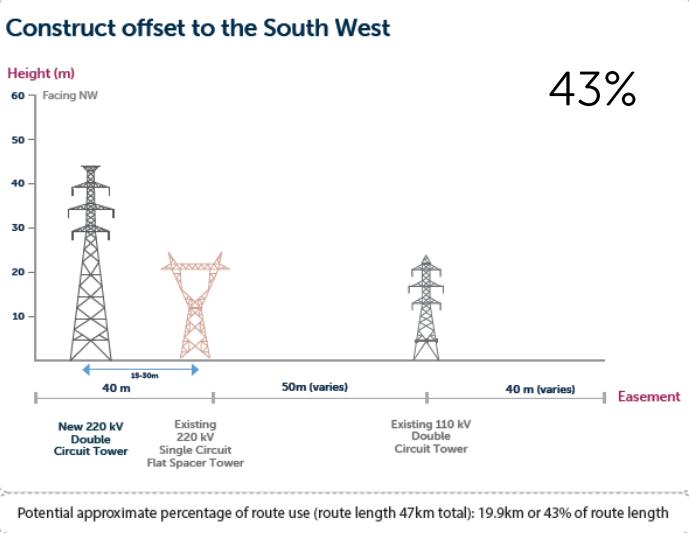
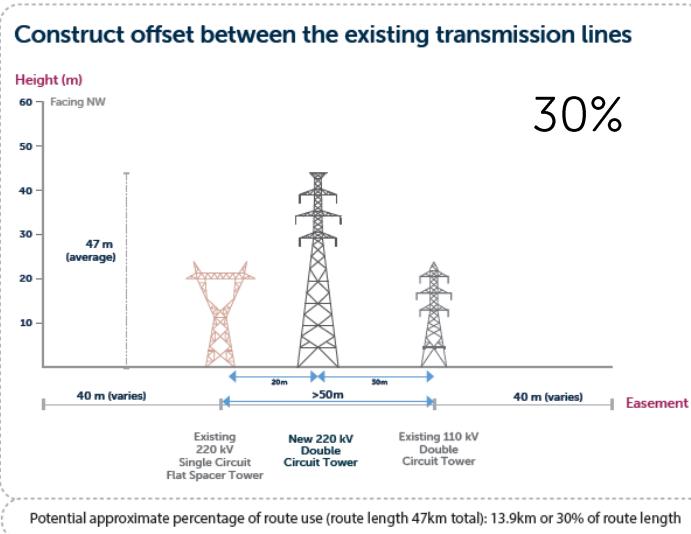
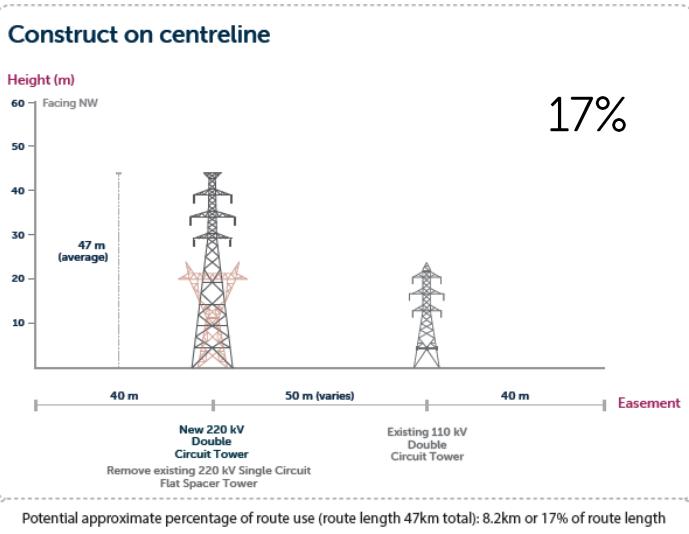


TasNetworks will be calling for interested community members to join the assessment panel in January 2026.

Change to transmission line structure



Recommended construction approach to Sheffield-Stowport-Burnie: Towers and Easements



Sheffield to Burnie

47km 107 towers

Design Elements & Challenges:

- Four different arrangements along the SH-BU OHTL

Sheffield to Burnie

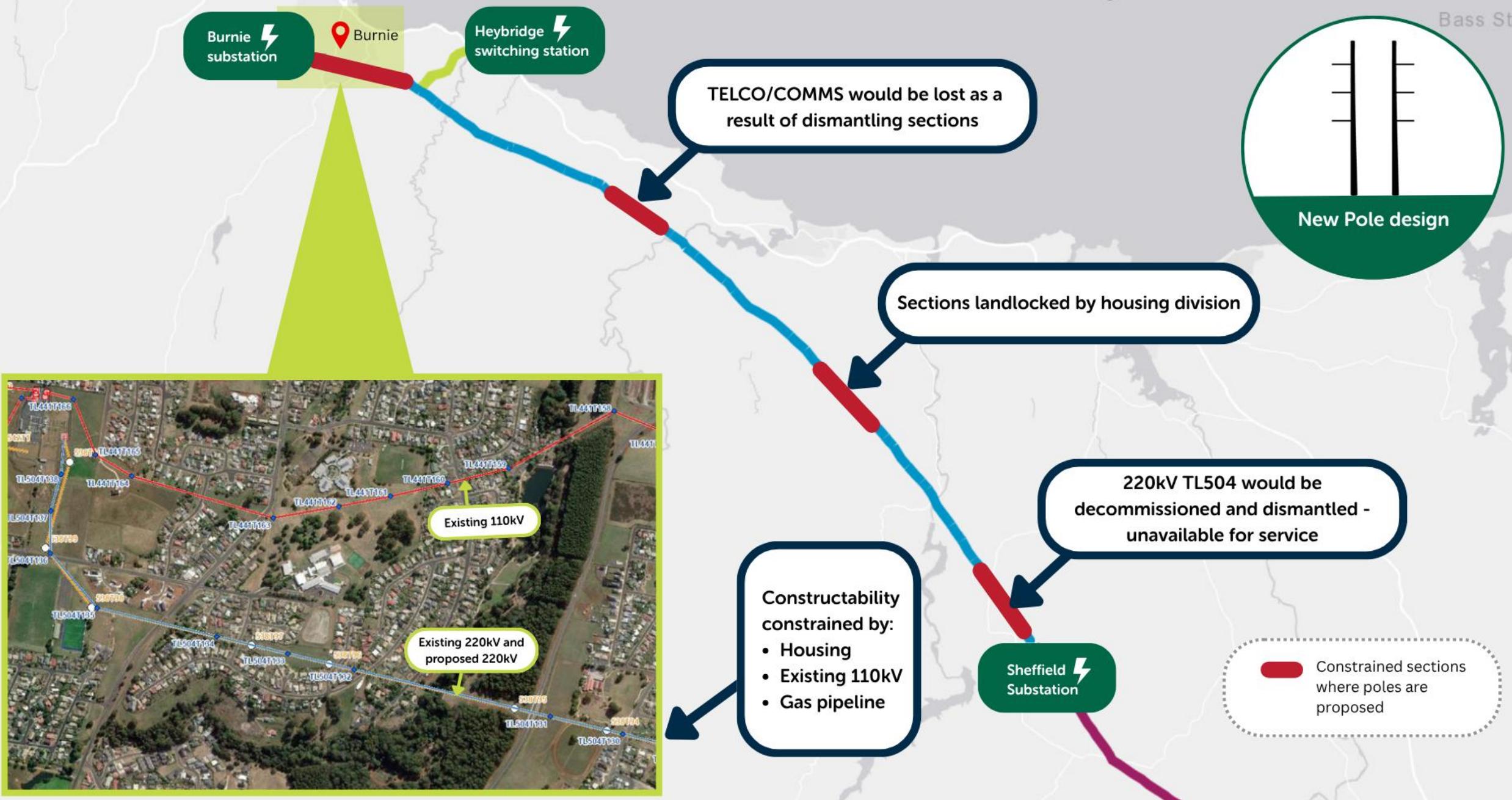
On-alignment section Burnie



Change to transmission line structure



Risks and constructability constraints



Sheffield–Burnie Towers to Poles

How do poles solve the constructability issue?

- Allows first pole to be built adjacent to existing TL504 line with this existing circuit able to be returned to service when required.
- Following commissioning of new TL538 SH-BU Circuit 1, TL504 will be decommissioned and removed to allow second pole structure.



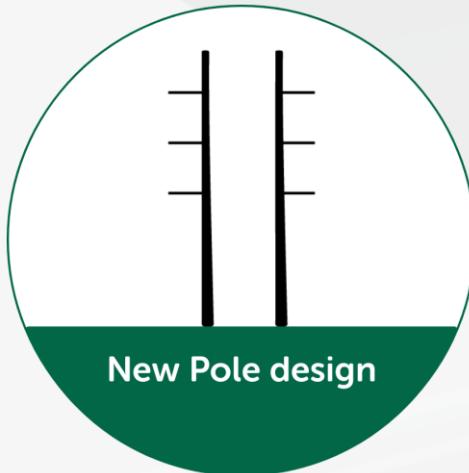
Outages:

- Critical telecommunications connection between SH & BU remains in-service
- Optimised construction schedule as a result of outage flexibility

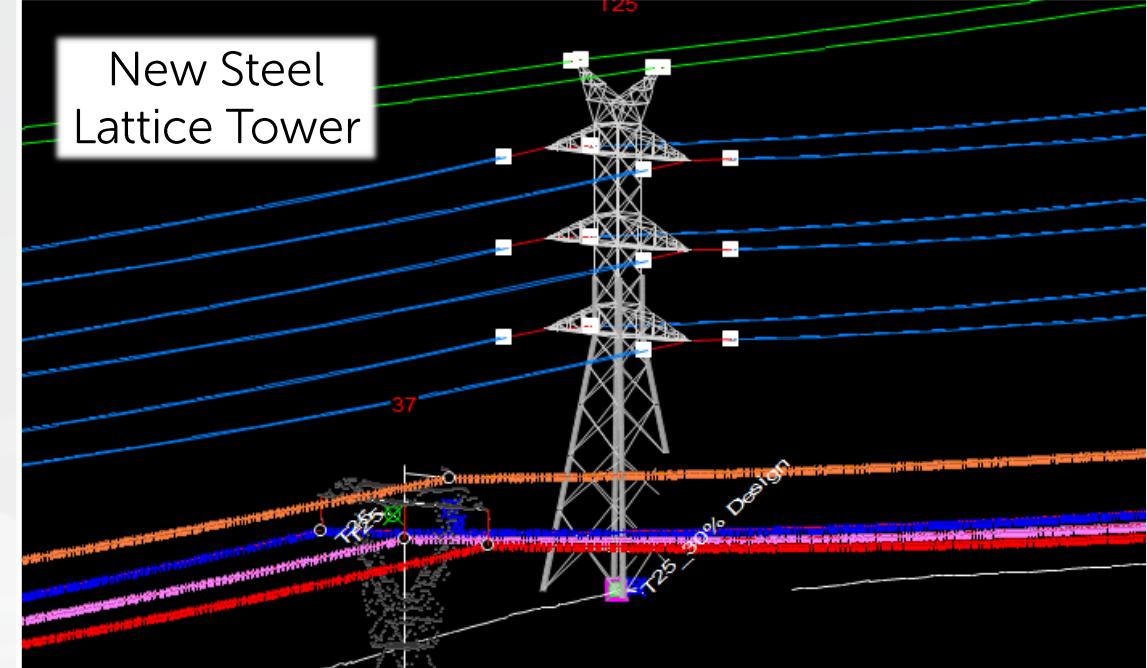


Safety & Reliability:

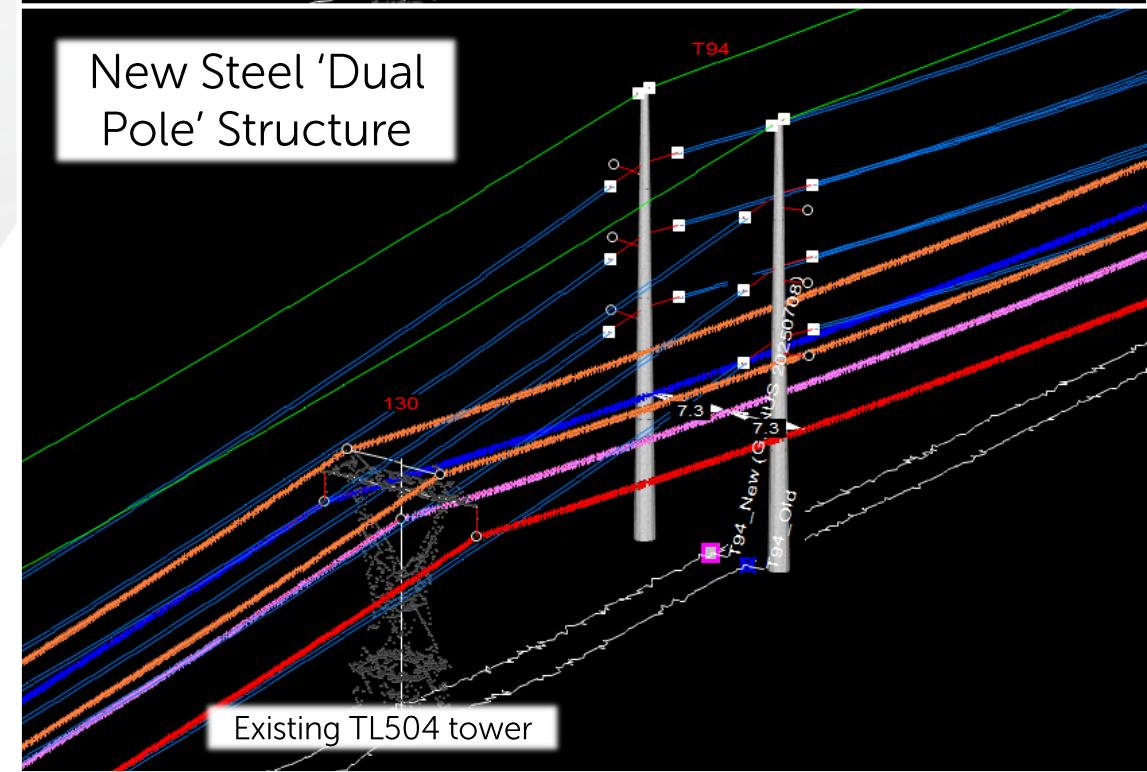
- Existing TL504 will always be available for return-to-service
- Removes need to rush the build during limited 3-month outage period



New Steel Lattice Tower



New Steel 'Dual Pole' Structure



Existing TL504 tower

Burnie Towers



Burnie Poles

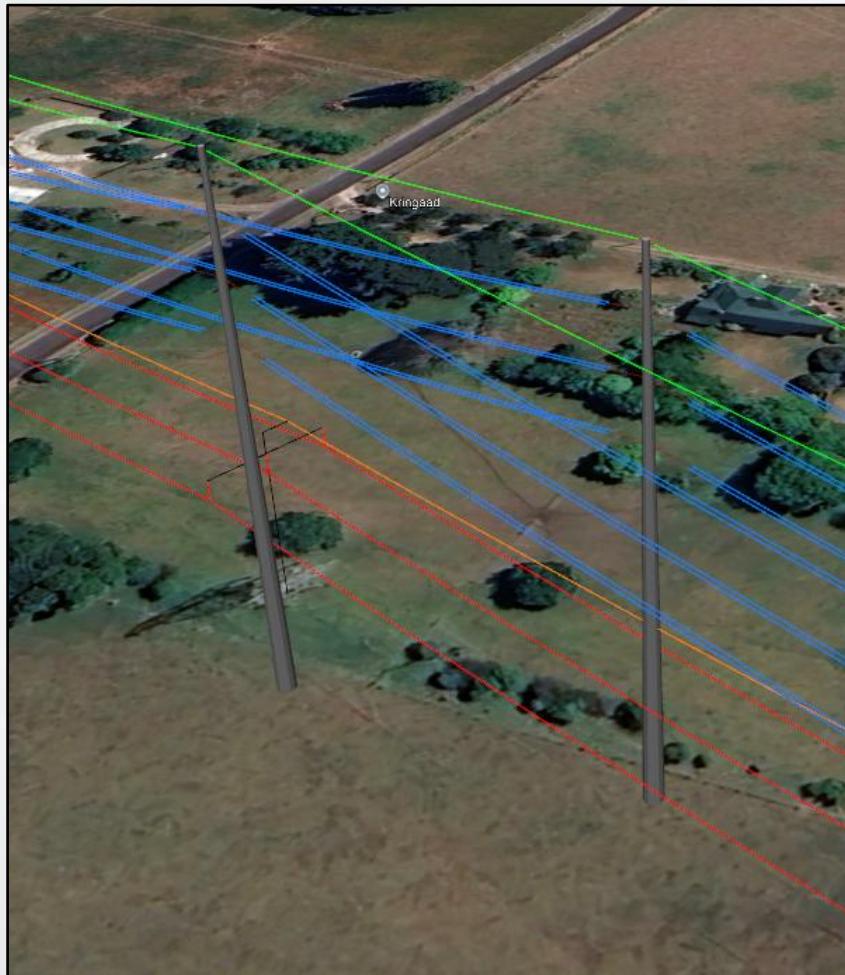


Burnie Poles



TL538 Structure T97-T96 in Burnie area, Left – Lattice Tower, Right – Dual Monopoles.

Galwer Poles



TL538 Structure T44 in Gawler area, Left – Lattice Tower, Right – Dual Monopoles.

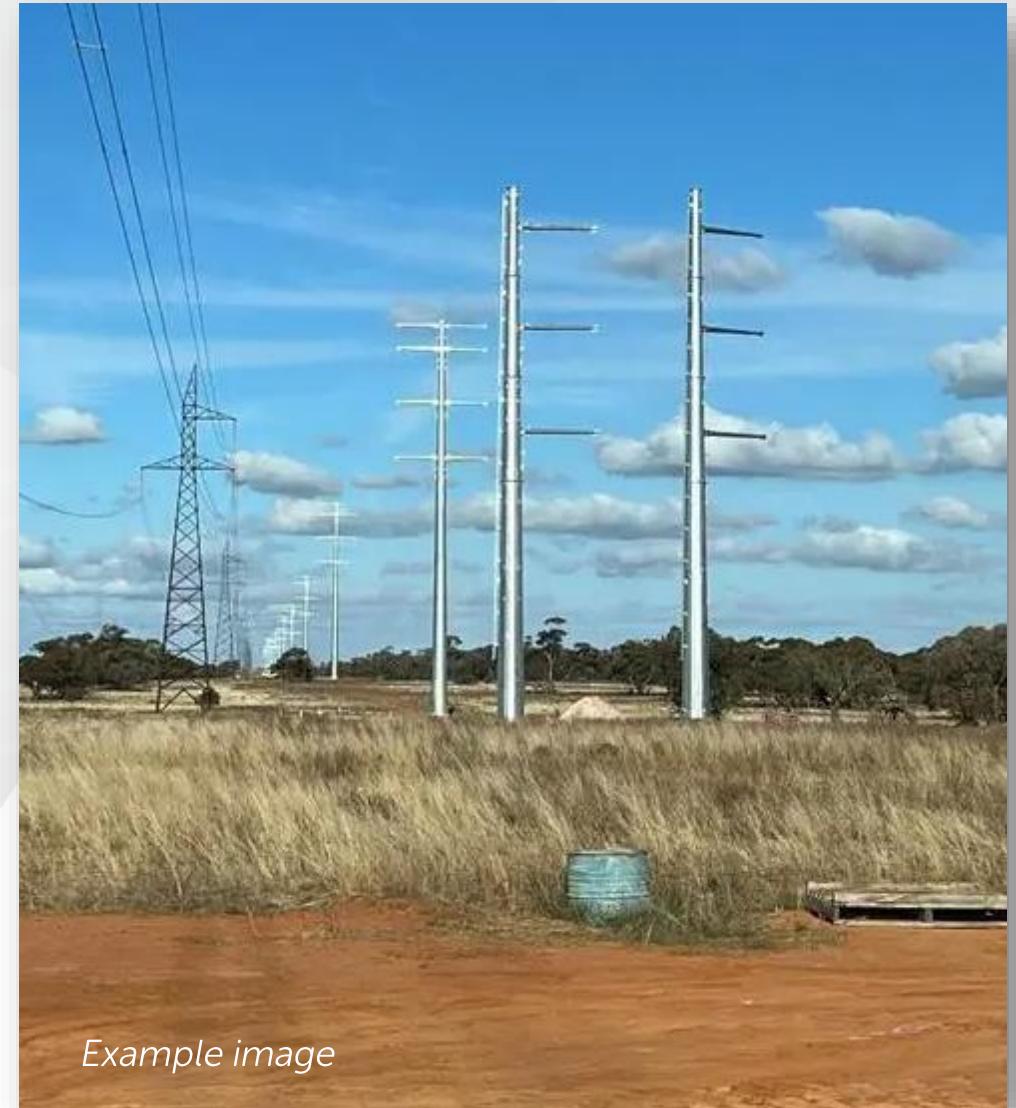
Planning implications

TasNetworks has lodged a submission to request that towers be replaced with poles at 25 identified constrained sites. If this submission is supported by the Tasmania Planning Commission, the change request will be incorporated into the permit.

We believe that the change from towers to poles may provide a more desirable outcome in many cases.

From a planning perspective, replacing towers with poles in 25 sites, would have the following implications:

- Less impacts on existing land uses, especially for agriculture, due to a reduced construction area and ground footprint.
- All requirements for vegetation clearance will be similar between poles and towers, or in some cases will be reduced, due to the smaller construction areas.
- When viewed across open landscapes and from key public vantage points, the scale and visibility of the two structure types are broadly comparable.
- Impacts surrounding construction and vehicle movements will be reduced as the construction period will be significantly reduced.



West by North West update

WHY TOURISM IS IMPORTANT TO TASMANIA

Tourism strengthens our economy & community by injecting money into the Tasmanian economy and supporting jobs.

TASMANIAN VISITOR ECONOMY 2025



DOMESTIC & INTERNATIONAL SPEND (TVS)

JOBS IN TASMANIA ARE SUPPORTED BY TOURISM

NIGHTS SPENT IN TASMANIA

1,348,300

TOTAL VISITORS
INTERSTATE & INTERNATIONAL (TVS)



10.8%

DIRECT AND INDIRECT CONTRIBUTION OF TOURISM IN TASMANIA TO GSP (HIGHEST IN THE COUNTRY)

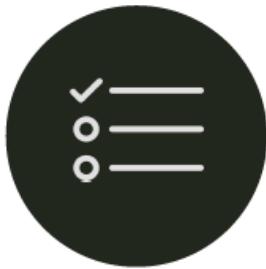
Results from Tasmanian Visitor Survey (TVS) as of YE June 2025.



REGIONAL TOURISM STRATEGY 2025 - 2028

REGIONAL SNAPSHOT

Our region is serviced by a range of tourism operators that directly support our visitors*



Accommodation	261
Attraction	152
Hire	14
Information	11
Food & Beverage	88
Tour	41
Transport	7
Access Ports (Airports)	3
Ferry / Cruise Terminals	2



LOCAL TOURISM ASSOCIATIONS

- Destination West Coast
- King Island Tourism Inc.
- Caves to Canyon Tourism Association
- Circular Head Tourism Association
- Business North West - Tourism
- Devonport & surrounds (formally Mersey Valley Tourism Group)



VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRES

Yellow i - Devonport, Sheffield, Ulverstone, Wynyard, Strahan, Smithton

White i - Shearwater, Latrobe, Penguin, Stanley, Queenstown, Zeehan

Additional Information Hubs - Currie, Cradle Mountain

*Data set taken from ATDW profiles as of August 2025.



REGIONAL TOURISM STRATEGY 2025 - 2028

REGIONAL VISITATION – YE JUNE 2025



572,600 visitors came to the North West and West Coast, an increase of 7.5% year on year.

These visitors stayed a total of 2.6M nights, up 8.7% year on year.

42% of all visitors to Tasmania included the North West and/or West Coast in their trip.

Our region accounted for 20% of all nights spent in Tasmania.

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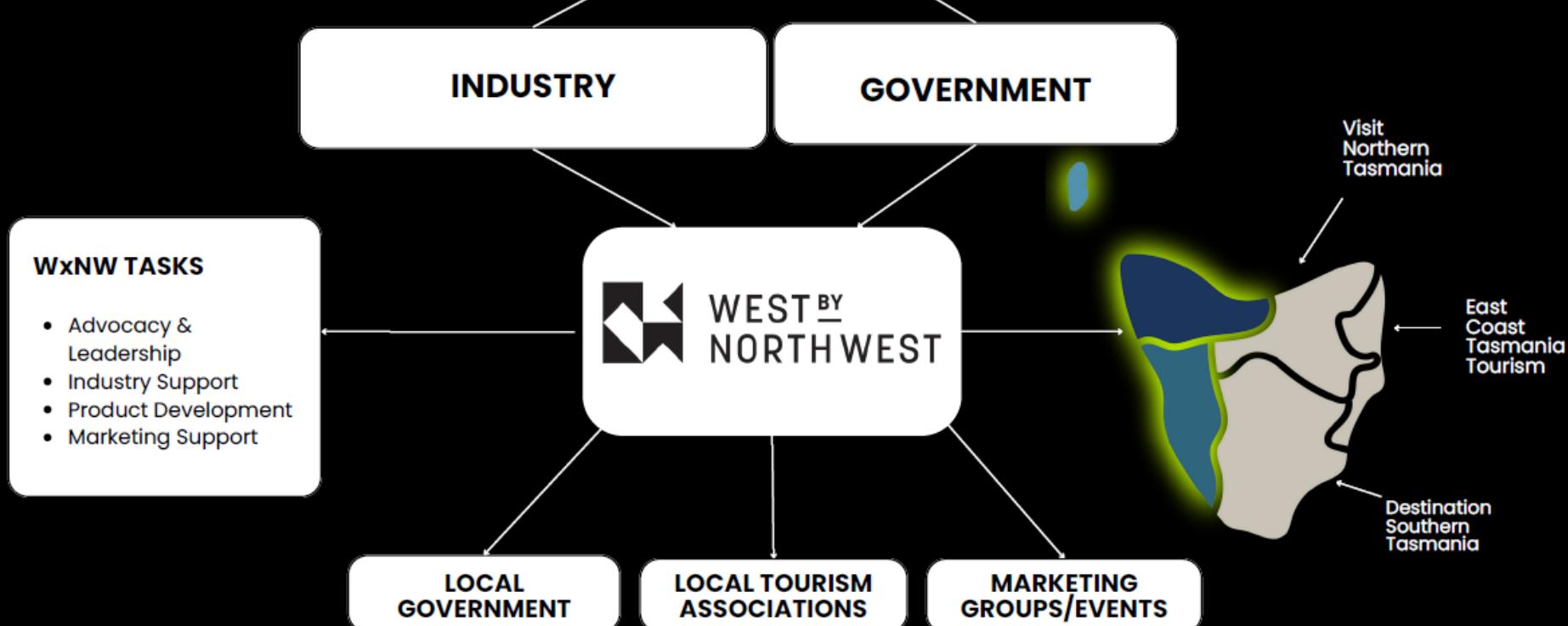
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OUR ROLE AS A REGIONAL TOURISM ORGANISATION

2030 VISITOR ECONOMY STRATEGY TASMANIA

The T21 partnership between the Tasmanian tourism and hospitality industry and the Tasmanian Government sets the direction for the visitor economy through the 2030 Visitor Economy Strategy for Tasmania. The four regional tourism organisations (RTOs) contribute to delivering the 2030 Strategy, working with industry and government to ensure success.

We are the connector for industry to state government and agencies.



OUR VISION x STRATEGIC PILLAR

Our work is guided by four strategic pillars, shaping both daily operations and long-term regional goals. *Advocacy & Leadership* ensures tourism is understood and valued. *Industry Support* and *Product Development* strengthen the supply side of the visitor economy. *Marketing Support* drives demand generation, in partnership with Tourism Tasmania.



ADVOCACY & LEADERSHIP

Tourism is understood and valued by our communities and stakeholders, who proudly share the region through authentic stories, memorable experiences, and exceptional service.



INDUSTRY SUPPORT

We are the trusted local connector, helping operators access the tools, resources, and partnerships they need to thrive and deliver outstanding visitor experiences.



PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT

Our region is recognised as a must-visit destination, with innovative and compelling offerings that showcase our natural beauty and authentic Tasmanian character.



MARKETING SUPPORT

We are Tourism Tasmania's strongest content partner, sharing regional insights and authentic stories that enrich campaigns and inspire visitors across the entire journey.



REGIONAL TOURISM STRATEGY 2025 - 2028

WXNW FOCUS AREAS

- **Leveraging** the Off Season campaign and grow visitation in winter and shoulder seasons.
- **Elevate Business Events** – expand and connect business event opportunities to drive year-round visitation.
- **Hero the Tasting Trail**, position it as Tasmania's must-do visitor experience, deepening connection between tourism and local produce through storytelling, tours, and tastings.
- **Champion New Product** – support development of experiences that align with our regions and Tasmania's brand.
- **Lead with King Island Golf** – position King Island as Australia's premier golf destination.
- **Leverage Energy Projects for Regional Benefit** – Work with major energy projects to secure positive outcomes for the region.
- **Empower our industry** – provide tools, resources and leadership to build resilience and sustainability.
- **Nurture the Visitor Economy Responsibly** – promote the value of tourism to the region through responsible, high-yield visitation.



Thank you



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Edge of the World Photo: Renee Thurston

Clean Energy Centre of Excellence

Marinus Link update

Community Engagement – Oct to Dec 2025

- ✓ Consular Corps of Tasmania
- ✓ Penguin 150 Street Party
- ✓ Northern Midlands Bus. Assoc.
- ✓ Burnie Community House – Hub
- ✓ Schools – Beacon, TSF and GreenSTEM
- ✓ East Devonport Jobs Forum
- ✓ Wynyard Lions Club
- ✓ U3A Wynyard
- ✓ DCCI Business Excellence Awards
- ✓ Burnie Works
- ✓ ReCFIT Renewable Energy Services Hub
- ✓ Northern Tasmania Investment Conf
- ✓ Meet the Contractors**

Meet the Contractors - Burnie



Marinus Link – Status Update

- ✓ **TVGL – contract execution early Dec**
 - ✓ Engagement planning for early works construction – March 2026
- ✓ **Tas EPA approvals received for Shore Crossing and Converter Station**
 - ✓ BCC Development Application for Converter Station imminent
- ✓ **AER Supplementary Draft Decision received**
 - ✓ BOW costs accepted (including Stage 2 enablement works)

Upcoming

- ✓ **Benefits Sharing**

- ✓ Draft Framework expected early 2026, following final AER determination

- ✓ **Construction focus to engagement in new year**

- ✓ Planning with TVGL
 - ✓ Wider community information – works notifications etc.
 - ✓ Local engagement – potential community liaison group

- ✓ **Early works March 2026**

- ✓ Shore crossing preparations

- ✓ **Construction, workforce and accommodation plans**

- ✓ Project wide planning (three contractors) currently in development

Any other business?



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