

NWTD Stakeholder Liaison Group

30 June 2026

Today's agenda

- Round robin
- Project update
- NWTD head contractor
- Community investment
- <Break>
- SLG revised Terms of Reference
- Transparency, accountability & collaboration
- Marinus Link update
- Any other business

Round robin

Project update

Out and about

A hands-on, interactive display at Agfest helped visitors better understand how transmission infrastructure is built, the scale of the project, and how it will support Tasmania's energy future.

The display gave visitors of all ages a chance to get up close with the materials that make up a transmission tower, sparking interest and plenty of meaningful conversation about the project and what to expect during construction.

What else our site showcased:

- ✓ Bright Futures Fund hub
- ✓ Hands-on STEAM activities
- ✓ Careers showcase
- ✓ Bright Sparks Program
- ✓ Sustainability displays
- ✓ Customer Experience team



NRW Breakfast

- Members of the NWTB team attended the National Reconciliation Week (NRW) breakfasts across the state.
- Each year, Reconciliation Tasmania hosts events during NRW to offer connection, inspiration, and motivation for action and change.
- The theme for NRW 2026 was *"All In"*, a call to action for all Australians to step away from the sidelines and commit to the ongoing journey of reconciliation every single day.
- Palawa man and TasNetworks' Aboriginal Engagement Coordinator Graeme Gardner (photo insert) gave the keynote address in Launceston on Kanamaluka / River Tamar, speaking about the need for a new understanding of reconciliation in the state.



Workforce numbers - accommodation

- Transmission line workers that need accommodation will range from a team of 5 up to 100 workers at the peak construction period which is expected to be a 3-month period.
- For the works to upgrade the substations at Sheffield, Burnie, Palmerston (near Cressy) and the new switching station at Heybridge, teams will range from 3-30 during the construction period.
- 30 office-based workers in Devonport.
- A significant proportion of the temporary workforce will be housed at Discovery Parks – Devonport, with it identified as the primary accommodation hub serving project areas from Burnie to south of Deloraine.
 - 67 self-contained twin room cabins (134 beds total) and 45 powered caravan sites

Launceston accommodation hub

- Discovery Parks - Hadspen is being established as an additional accommodation solution for the Cressy end of the line.
 - 45 self-contained twin room cabins (90 beds) and 37 powered caravan sites.



Key milestones

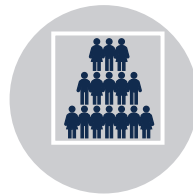
Milestone	Scheduled date
Permit granted by Tasmanian Planning Commission (subject to conditions + appeal)	March 2026
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation approvals (subject to conditions)	April 2026
Land access finalised	May 2026
Financial Close	May 2026
Construction commences (Sheffield to Burnie) Subject to TPC conditions being satisfied and appeal being resolved	August 2026

NWTD head contractor

GENERAL UPDATE



The office building in East Devonport has undergone further upgrades. Fit out is almost complete.



Three-quarters of Genus management staff are now based at the facility.



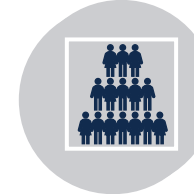
A second laydown yard has been opened at Spreyton.



Works at the Sheffield and Burnie substations will commence once Commonwealth approvals are received (expected 7 July).



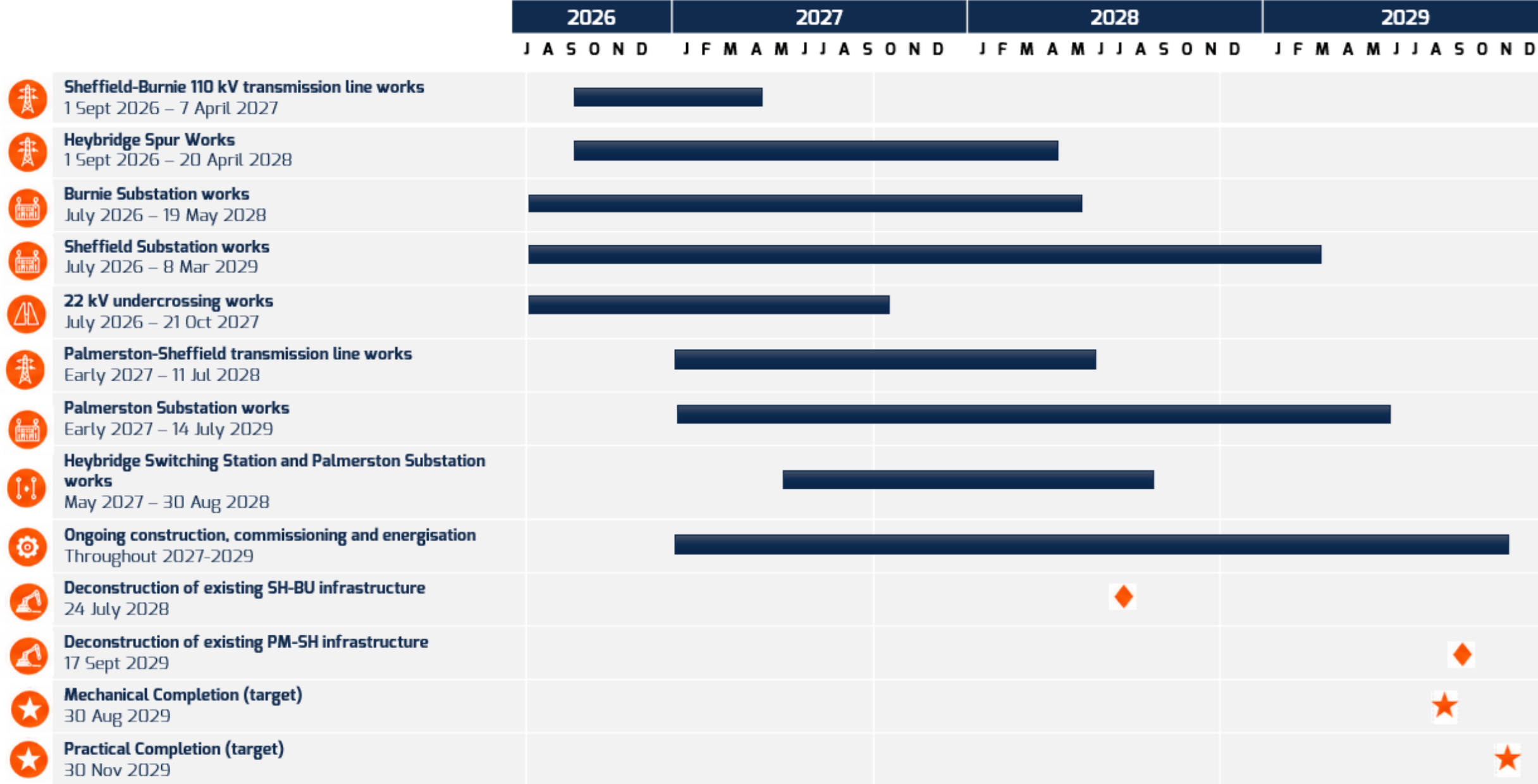
As Genus integrates further into the community, more opportunities have been created for local businesses to supply goods and services.



Genus has begun training contractors in preparation for project delivery.

HIGH LEVEL CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE

INDICATIVE TIMING – SUBJECT TO CHANGE



Construction activity / works period

Milestone

Milestone (target)

A GROWING PRESENCE IN THE NORTH WEST

51% Tasmanian workforce

63 current employees

- 16 from the North West
- 12 from Southern Tasmania
- 4 from Northern Tasmania
- Remaining 31 from interstate
- 30 apprenticeships are required for project
- 7 apprenticeship applications have been received
- 5 are from the North West

Think Safe. Work Safe. Home Safe.

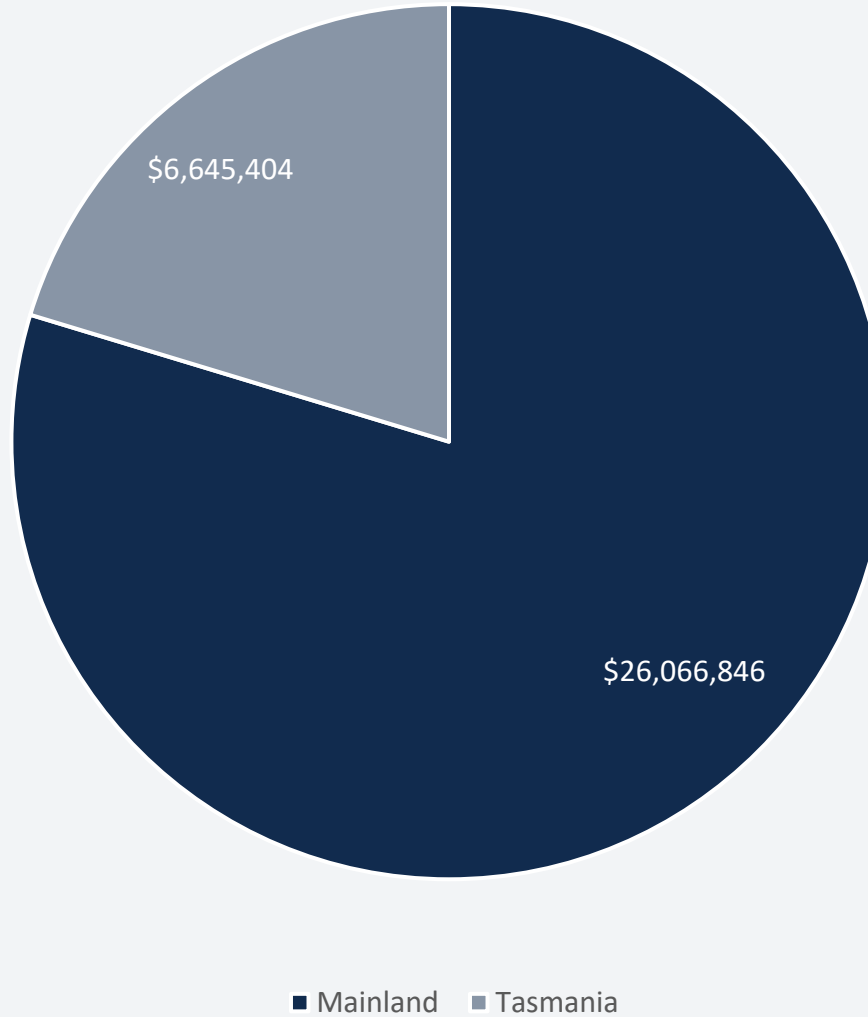


GENUS PROJECT SUPPLIER SPEND TO DATE

01-01-2025 – 14-06-2026

TASMANIA VS MAINLAND

- Overall Spend \$32,712,250

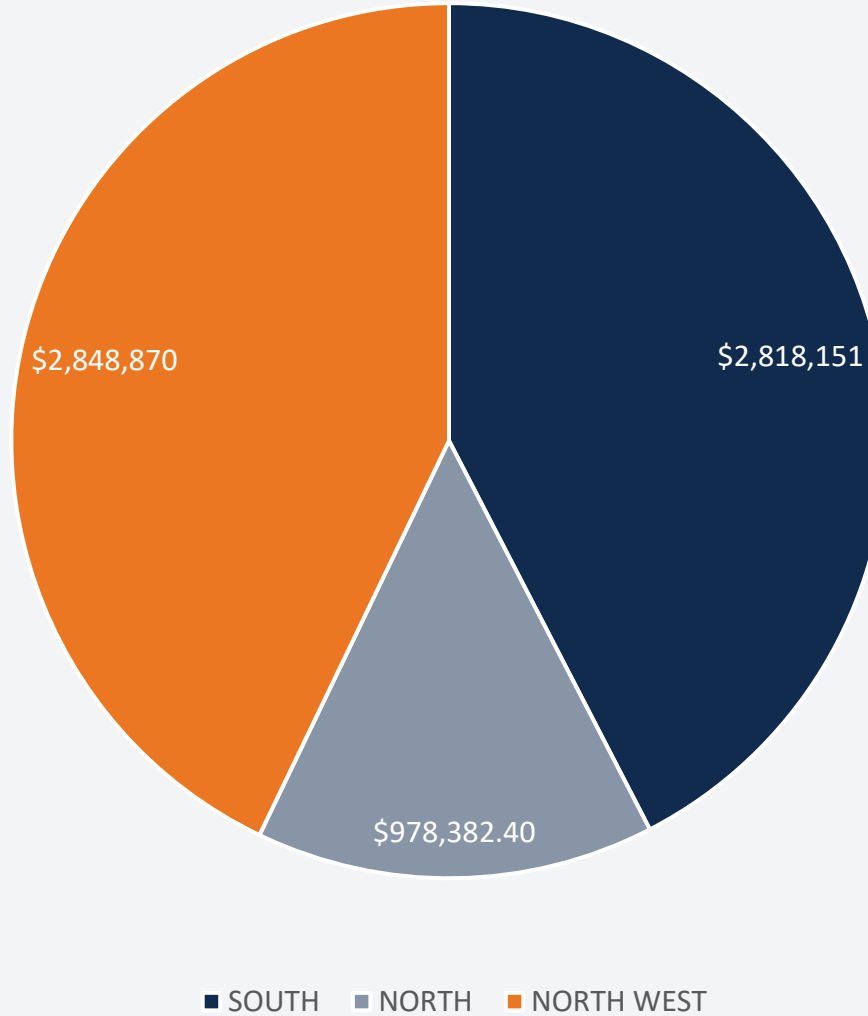


GENUS PROJECT SUPPLIER SPEND TO DATE

01-01-2025 – 14-06-2026

TASMANIA BY REGION

- Overall Spend \$6,645,404

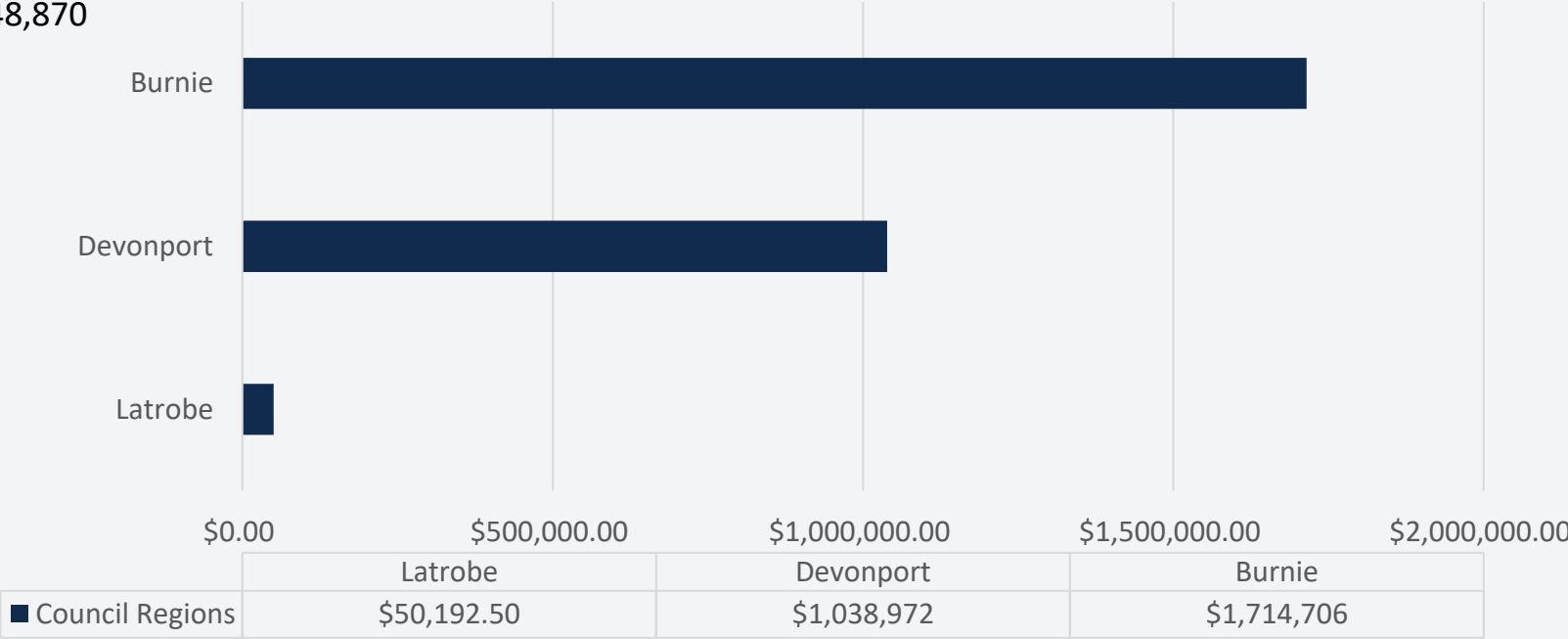


GENUS PROJECT SUPPLIER SPEND TO DATE

01-01-2025 – 14-06-2026

NORTHWEST BY POSTCODE

- Overall Spend \$2,848,870



■ Council Regions

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

What Success Looks Like

The Stakeholder Engagement Plan is built around these principles:

- communicating openly
- building trust
- responding quickly
- managing impacts
- listening to feedback
- meeting our commitments
- and leaving a positive legacy for the communities in which we work.



STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

How We Will Engage



Genus and TasNetworks will work collaboratively to deliver coordinated, consistent and timely stakeholder engagement throughout the project.

- Direct engagement with landholders and affected stakeholders.
- Presentations and briefings for councils, community groups and industry.
- Coordinated project updates across multiple channels.
- Advance notice of construction activities and impacts.
- Accessible feedback channels with timely responses.
- Collaborative engagement to minimise impacts and improve outcomes.



STAKEHOLDER IDENTIFICATION

GAPS, ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

- Are there any key stakeholders we've missed?
- Are there any other emerging issues or risks we should be aware of?
- What additional opportunities should we explore?
- How could we improve our engagement approach or communications?

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THANK YOU.

Community investment

Bright Futures Fund launch!



- The official launch of the BFF took place in Shorewell Park on Friday 19 June
- Community drop-in sessions were subsequently held in the main streets of Sheffield, Deloraine and Longford
- Applications for Round One of funding are currently open (close 2 August 2026)



Ulverstone drop-in session tomorrow!



Date: Wednesday, 1st July

Time: 10am – 12pm

Supported by: Lions Club of Ulverstone

Location: Apex Park, 41 Reibey St, Ulverstone

Everyone welcome (including alpacas)!



Independent Community Assessment Panel



- Applications will be assessed by an Independent Community Assessment Panel
- The seven-member panel has been recruited following a public recruitment campaign
- The successful members represent a diverse composition of local voices and include different ages, cultural backgrounds and life experiences
- Presenting the panel members:
 - Alex McKenzie (Chair)
 - Amber Bramich
 - James Spring
 - Jane Hall
 - Karen Oborn
 - Lily Nutting
 - Sylvia Marris



Key dates



Round One	Dates
Applications and EOIs open	19 June 2026
Applications and EOIs close	11.59pm, 2 August 2026
Assessment period	3 August to 6 September
Applicants notified	From week of 21 September

* Dates for round two and the funding rounds for 2027 will be published on our website



SOMETHING BIG IS COMING TO YOUR COMMUNITY

BRIGHT FUTURES FUND OPENS 19 JUNE

SEARCH BRIGHT FUTURES FUND



NORTH WEST TRANSMISSION DEVELOPMENTS

*Have you seen
the billboard
on the Bass
Highway at
South Burnie?*

Break

SLG revised Terms of Reference

What we asked

- How do you see the future role of the SLG?
- What scope of the project's construction do you see SLG contributing to?
- What is the optimal cadence per year?
- Would you like the group to continue with an Independent Chair?
- Is the current membership fit-for-purpose?
- Should sitting fees be offered to SLG members?

What you said

- How do you see the future role of the SLG? Continue through construction period with a redefined scope and Chair / member review
- What scope of the project's construction do you see SLG contributing to? Stakeholder engagement and communications, community benefits sharing program and economic development issues and actions
- What is the optimal cadence per year? 3-4 meetings
- Would you like the group to continue with an Independent Chair? Yes
- Is the current membership fit-for-purpose? Yes, but reviewed annually
- Should sitting fees be offered to SLG members? No

What we did

Notable changes to Terms of Reference:

- Shift in purpose. Emphasises two-way engagement during delivery enabling feedback, managing risks, and strengthening relationships to support effective project execution and community outcomes.
- Meeting cadence. Incorporating member feedback, the meeting schedule will shift to quarterly sessions, with each meeting extended to three (3) hours.
- Commitments both ways. Inclusion of TasNetworks' commitments, to hold ourselves to account.
- Remuneration offer. In line with the other TasNetworks advisory group, SLG members can choose whether to receive sitting fees or not.
- Ongoing effectiveness. TasNetworks will monitor and evaluate the SLG to ensure it is meeting its purpose. Feedback from members will be used to support continuous improvement and inform the annual membership review cycle.

Transparency, accountability &
collaboration

Survey themes – need to strengthen Transparency, Accountability & Collaboration



Proposed actions

No.	Action	Description	Area
1	Develop a Transparency, Accountability & Collaboration Charter	Develop a clear Charter co-designed by engagement groups and TasNetworks on a two-way process to achieve transparency, accountability and collaboration.	Transparency
2	Immediate improvements to governance and tracking	Implement a formal: • Questions Register • Actions Register • "You Said / We Did" tracker • Response timeframes • Decision influence statements so • Clearly identify decision owners, action owners and escalation pathways	Governance & Accountability
3	Implement confidentiality arrangements/NDAs	Implement confidentiality agreements/NDAs for engagement group members	Trust & Transparency
4	Introduce guideline for TasNetworks presentations and pre-reading material	Develop a guideline that include: "Plain English" process for: • presentations • pre-reading • engagement materials. Reduce jargon and acronyms: • create glossary • include definitions in presentations Ensure all charts include: • actual numbers • contextual explanation • implications Ensure clear pricing, tariffs and customer impacts Provide pre-reading materials earlier: • minimum 5–7 days before meetings	Transparency, Accountability

Proposed actions

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5	Implement Annual Transparency Survey	Implement an annual survey to seek both quantitative and qualitative on how TasNetworks is tracking with transparency, trust, accountability and collaboration	Accountability
6	Host a co-design workshop on Transparency, Accountability & Collaboration workshop	Co-design workshop to design the Charter and deepen the exploration of the values, principles and approach to transparency, accountability and collaboration.	Collaboration
7	Introduce optional learning and/or topic capability sessions	Explore topic explainer modules, "Energy 101" tariff and pricing basics and regulatory process overview to help build energy literacy and capability on complex topics.	Transparency
8	For significant topics of high influence, where needed host deep dive session	For larger, significant and complex topics with high levels of influence, consider a deep dive session to enable more time to draw out and discuss group feedback.	Collaboration

Transparency, Accountability & Collaboration Charter workshop

Launceston, 27 August 2026

Calendar invite sent out today!

Marinus Link update

Community Engagement – Mar to Jun 2026

- ✓ CCA Community Engagement Reference Group
- ✓ DCCI Tasmanian Business conference - sponsor
- ✓ Tasmanian Energy Development Conference – sponsor and keynote speaker
- ✓ CCA Workforce and Accommodation Roundtable
- ✓ MLPL Workforce and Accommodation Strategy – many briefings with stakeholders
- ✓ DEWR Local Jobs, Local Capabilities Workshop
- ✓ BCC Burnie Bright Night – sponsor
- ✓ Reconciliation Tasmania breakfasts celebrating National Reconciliation Week
- ✓ Clean Energy Job Ready workshop
- ✓ UTAS National Science and Engineering Challenge
- ✓ Multi-cultural Community Leaders Roundtable

Community Engagement – since March SLG

171 hours of direct engagement in NW Tasmania

654 Stakeholder conversations



Ongoing

✓ **Workforce and Accommodation Strategy**

- ✓ Strategy published May
- ✓ Stakeholder conversations and contractor planning ongoing

✓ **Community Benefit Sharing Framework**

- ✓ 2x Councils briefing webinars held
- ✓ Community feedback received – being collated and analysed
- ✓ Final Framework due late 2026

Contractor Update

✓ TVGL recruiting locally

- ✓ Site Superintendent – Damien
- ✓ Project Engineer – Joel
- ✓ People and Culture Team – Ashley

✓ Community Information Centre in Burnie CBD

- ✓ Mount St location secured
- ✓ Design and fit out underway
- ✓ Estimated opening late July / early August

✓ Stakeholder meetings and partnerships

- ✓ Training / Apprenticeships / onsite experience – discussions with TasTAFE
- ✓ Graduate program, Scholarships - discussions with UTAS

Marinus Link – Status Update

✓ **TasCAT Appeal**

- ✓ Tribunal held 17 – 23 June

✓ **Construction**

- ✓ Preparatory works ongoing in Heybridge and Gippsland
 - ✓ Surveys, site amenities, fencing, service location etc
 - ✓ Noise Monitoring around Heybridge completed
- ✓ Final Environmental Management reports for EPA ongoing

✓ **14 sub-contracts awarded so far**

- ✓ 13 contracts to Tasmanian businesses
- ✓ **12 contracts** to businesses located on North West Coast

Any other business?



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