NWTD Stakeholder Liaison Group

22 September 2026

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Today's agenda

- Round robin
- Project update
- Landholder case study
- NWTD head contractor – interactive

<Break and photos>

- Transparency Charter
- Bright Futures Fund
- Clean Energy Centre of Excellence
- Marinus Link update
- Any other business

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Round robin

Project update



Brian Mann

NWTD Construction General Manager

NWTD Stage 1 is underway! As of last week…



About 150 people employed (TN and Genus), including 100 contractors



2,000 of the 9,000 tonnes of steel required has already arrived in Tasmania
Works at both Sheffield and Burnie Substations has commenced



Construction will employ approx. 30 apprentices
Proving popular – 54 apprentice applications so far



Local commitment and spend of $170 million so far
Almost $90 million paid to landowners and suppliers so far in 2026
Of the 87 suppliers to date, 56 of those suppliers are Tasmanian

How we're setting up engagement accountability

Our responsibility

CONSTRUCTION PHASE

Stabilise operations for the transition to construction

Clear controls, verification and accountability

GENUS — Implements → Operates → Evidences

TasNetworks Powering a Bright Future — Oversees → Assures → Escalates

Contract
Engineering, Procurement, Construction
(NWTD and Genus)

Engagement Strategy
(TasNetworks)

Communications Plan
(TasNetworks)

Stakeholder Engagement Plan
(Genus)

Reporting
(NWTD and Genus)

What this means for our landholders

TasNetworks – manages engagement for landholder payments, complaint escalations, ongoing maintenance of transmission lines and anything not included in the contract.

Genus – is responsible for Property Management Plans as well as managing all landholder construction engagement including handling of any questions or feedback from landholders and the public.



Fridge Magnet

Sensitive: Confidential/Commercial

Landholder case study

Landholder engagement

- 271 private landholders, 142 agreements needed
- 138 achieved voluntarily (98.5%) across 129 kms
- 6 May 2026: Notice of Acquisitions gazetted for four ‘real’ landholders and one historical landholder
- What worked to gain voluntary agreements:
  - communication – in advance, consistent, respectful
  - dedicated land agents
  - flexibility (tower locations; access tracks; keeping materials)
  - Project Management Plans: 271, all different
  - ‘one project’ approach across streams and with Genus
  - independent valuations – fair and just
  - new compensation (Strategic Benefit Payment) for all landholders



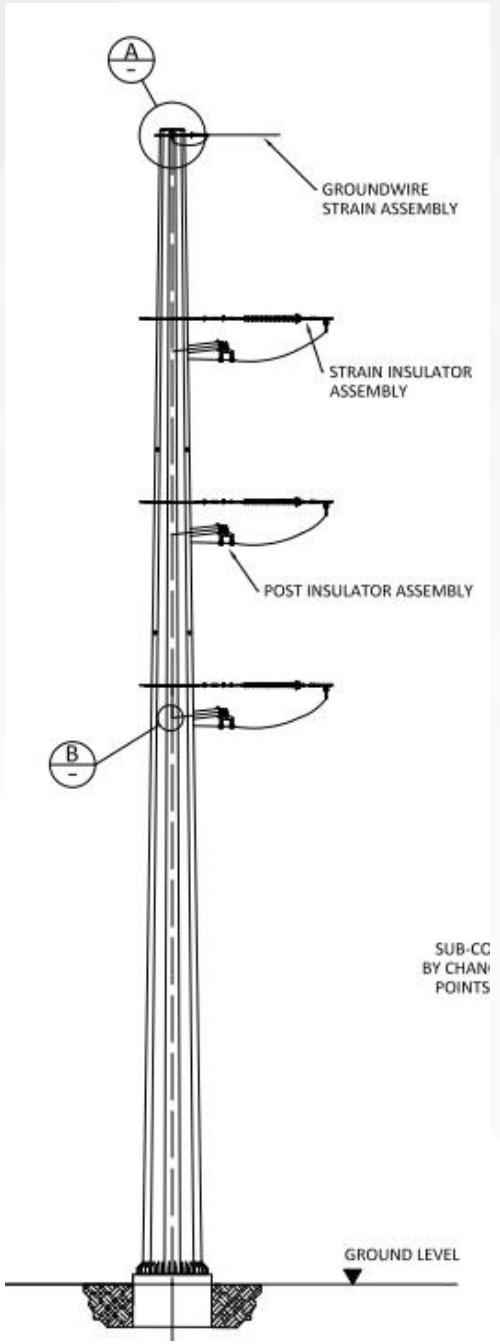


Case study: minimising impacts

Working farm: cropping, lambs, cattle

Monopoles




A
GROUNDWIRE
STRAIN ASSEMBLY
STRAIN INSULATOR
ASSEMBLY
POST INSULATOR ASSEMBLY
B
GROUND LEVEL

Landholder benefits:

- Removing existing TL from across paddocks
- Installing new TL on edge of property
- Removing existing DL from across paddocks
- Undergrounding a section of the new DL to minimise impacts
- Reduced easement width (80 metres wide to ~60 metres)

Landholder benefits:

- Farming, land use
- Legacy



NWTD head contractor

CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY
BURNIE-SHEFFIELD

- Access Tracks
- Fencing
- Sheffield Substation drainage
- Foundation works









July to September – Engagement to Date Snap Shot

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Landholder letters distributed



Direct Landholder Engagement & Surveys

Council Briefings

- ✓ Northern Midlands
- ✓ Meander Valley
- ✓ Kentish
- ✓ Burnie
- ✓ Devonport
- ✓ Central Coast

Community Events:

- ✓ Tiagarra NAIDOC Flag Raising
- ✓ Skills Tasmania Forum Launceston
- ✓ TasTAFE and Devonport Chamber Event
- ✓ 'Learning Circle' for Aboriginal Engagement

Media:

- Genus apprenticeships

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KEY THEMES

- Construction timelines
- Local employment and apprenticeships
- Materials and procurement
- Worker accommodation
- Landholder engagement





LOCAL JOBS & INVESTMENT

49% Tasmanian workforce
69 current employees

- 16 from the North West
- 12 from Southern Tasmania
- 4 from Northern Tasmania
- 250 employed at peak construction

- 30 apprenticeships are required for project – 54 applications received

- Local spend of $135 million
- Almost $55 million paid to 87 vendors
- 56 of those vendors are Tasmanian



Think Safe. Work Safe. Home Safe.

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THINK PAIR SHARE

Purpose: Identify the group's top concerns, priorities and opportunities during construction, and ideas for how we can respond.

1. Think | 5 mins

Write one idea per sticky note

What are you thinking and hearing?

- **Top concerns** - what concerns you or your community?
- **Top priorities** - What matters most?
- **Opportunities** - What opportunities do you see?
- **Communication & engagement** - ideas, actions, risks, opportunities or feedback.

2. Pair | 10 mins

Share and discuss your ideas with a partner

3. Share | 15 mins

Share the key themes with the group

Break

Transparency, accountability and collaboration Charter

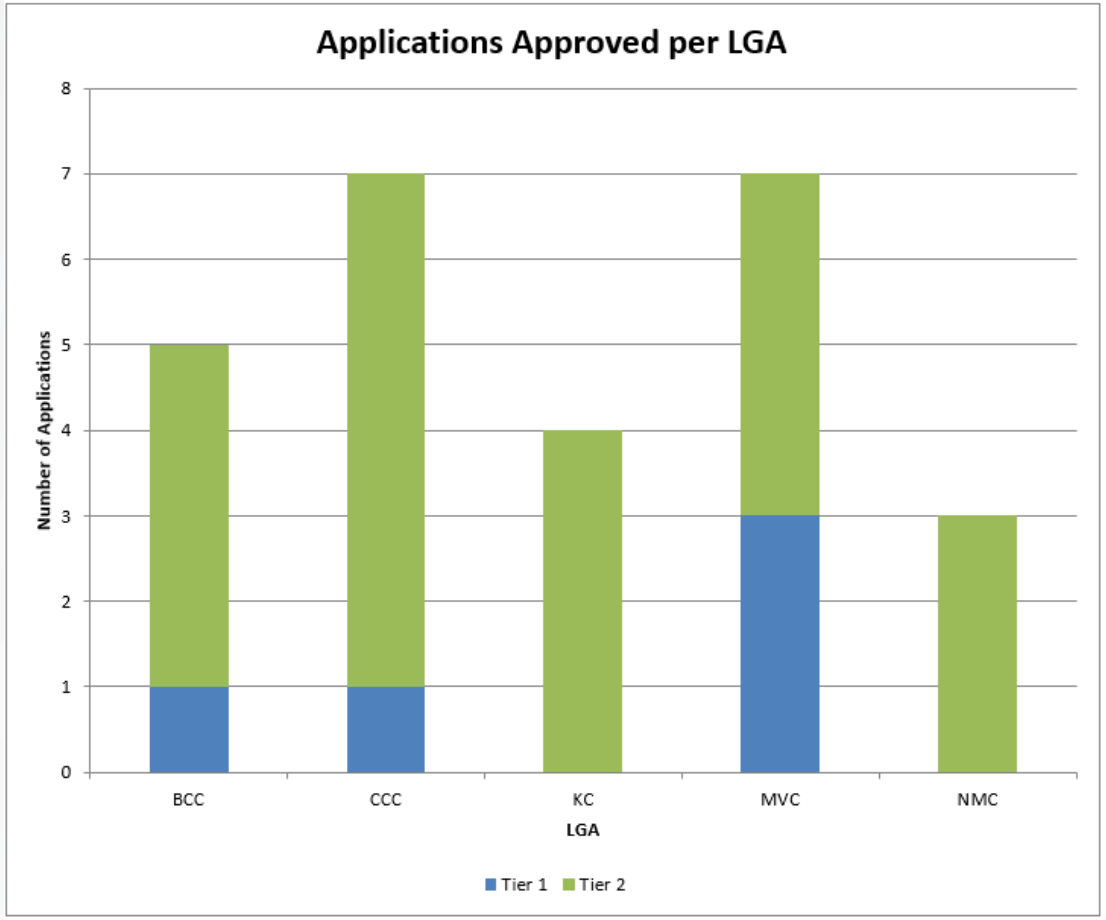
Bright Futures Fund

BFF Wrap up – round one

- Applications for round one closed on 2 August 2026.
- 92 submissions were received in the opening round.
- The Independent Community Assessment Panel met on 13 August and 2 September to assess the shortlisted applications.
- Applications were assessed against the criteria published in the Bright Futures Fund Grant Application Guide (June 2026).



Funding allocated – Tiers 1 and 2



Total Applications Assessed

31

Approved

12

Declined

19

Total Funding Allocated

$310,635

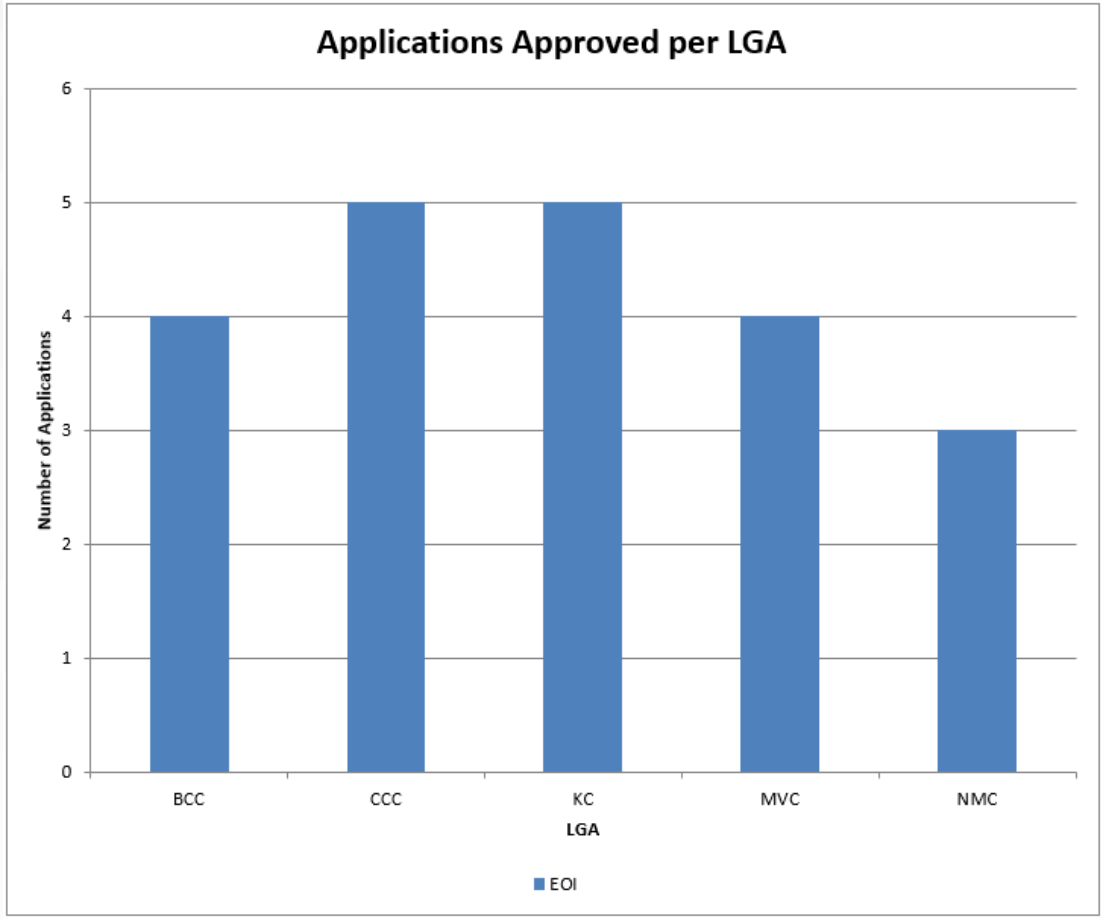
Tier 1: Less than $10,000

Tier 2: Between $10,000 and $50,000

Successful EOI's – Tiers 3 and 4

BRIGHT FUTURES FUND

- Applicants for Tiers 3 and 4 must lodge an Expression of Interest during an open round period.
- Successful EOI's are then invited to submit a full application.
- In round one, 5 EOI's were approved to progress to full application stage.
- Applicants have 12 months to submit a full application (includes detail project plans, delivery plans, budgets etc).
- Tier 3: Between $50,000 and $250,000
- Tier 4: Between $250,000, up to or exceeding $500,000



Total Applications Assessed

24

Approved

5

Declined

19

Total Funding Allocated

$1,233,860

Key dates – round two

Round Two	Dates
Applications and EOIs open	8.00am, 30 September 2026
Applications and EOIs close	11.59pm, 25 October 2026
Assessment period	26 October to 11 November 2026
Applicants notified	From 1 December 2026

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



Clean Energy Centre of Excellence

Any other business?



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