



**NWTD Economic Development
Updated 3-Year Regional Action Plan
2026 - 2029**

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Introduction

The **NWTD Economic Development Regional Action Plan, *Capturing the Economic Development Opportunities from Renewable Energy Investments in North West Tasmania*** (the Plan), was published in August 2022 and identified the economic development opportunities stemming from Project Marinus and the development of renewable energy projects in the region.

The Plan was the outcome of extensive research, stakeholder engagement, and a co-design process undertaken by TasNetworks, SGS Economics and Planning, and key regional stakeholders. The opportunities and actions captured in the Plan reflect the priorities expressed by local stakeholders.

Summit Strategy has been engaged by TasNetworks to undertake the following scope of work:

- To review progress to date against the NWTD Economic Development Regional Action Plan (the Plan); and
- To identify opportunities to refine the plan for the next phase of the project.

Desktop research and stakeholder engagement has been undertaken to develop a **Progress Report (April 2025)** which identifies the extent of achievement of opportunities and actions within the region by TasNetworks and other regional stakeholders, and the gaps and barriers to achievement. Where possible, the Progress Report identifies relevant stakeholder strategies, plans, programs and initiatives that align with and have delivered against current opportunities and actions within the Plan to date. Key stakeholders were engaged to provide valuable feedback and insights on the progress of the Plan and opportunities for the next iteration of the Plan.

Engagement was undertaken with the following stakeholders:

- TasNetworks
 - o Major Projects Engagement Team
 - o RTO Team
 - o Talent Team
 - o Procurement Team
- NWTD Stakeholder Liaison Group
- CCA NW Renewable Energy Roundtable
- Cradle Coast Authority
- Tas TAFE

- WNWW
- Rodney Green
- RE Alliance
- DPCTas
- Skills Tasmania
- Jobs Tasmania
- RECFIT
- ICN Tas

This **Updated 3-Year Regional Action Plan (2026 – 2029)** aims to consolidate and simplify complex actions within the original Plan as well as identify new opportunities and relevant actions and initiatives that may be leveraged to deliver economic benefits for the region during the construction phase of the project as identified by the stakeholders listed above.

Stage One construction is due to commence in 2026 and to be completed in 2029-30. Therefore, the actions, timing, and measures within this Updated Plan are for the 3-year period from 2026 to 2029. However, longer term opportunities and actions have been identified and included for the benefit of future periods.

This document should be read in conjunction with the NWTED Economic Development Regional Action Plan, *Capturing the Economic Development Opportunities from Renewable Energy Investments in North West Tasmania*, as it provides important background information about the process for developing the original Plan, economic development and Community Wealth Building concepts, a regional profile, the benefits of renewable energy investment in the region, and the rationale as to why the opportunities captured in the Plan are important within the community.

Updated 3-Year Regional Action Plan

Economic Development Theme Areas

The original Plan identified economic development benefits across five theme areas. These have since been consolidated into four core themes to streamline the framework and better reflect the nature and intent of the benefits. Specifically, *Theme 3: Infrastructure, Assets and Market Benefits* has been removed on the basis that these benefits are primarily outcomes of the NWTD project itself, rather than distinct areas for economic development intervention. The associated opportunities and actions have been redistributed to the most appropriate remaining themes, particularly *Theme 4: Local and Regional Community (Social) Benefits* and *Theme 5: Public and Private Sector Investment*.




The NWTD project will generate benefits across the following four theme areas:

- 1. Workforce development, skills & training:** To stimulate and contribute to workforce development and a fair economy by unlocking a pipeline of projects in the renewable energy sector, contributing to decent wages, training opportunities and good working conditions.
- 2. Procurement & opportunities for local businesses:** To deepen local supply chains, support business development, and increase spending and investment in the local economy through procurement processes and decision making.
- 3. Local and regional community benefits:** To generate flow-on economic, social and environmental benefits for local communities.
- 4. Public & private sector investment:** To encourage and enable additional public and private sector investment in flow-on opportunities in renewable energy, manufacturing and other sectors.

Action Prioritisation

This Plan includes a number of actions that TasNetworks is not directly responsible for delivering. While these actions contribute to the region's long-term economic development, many fall outside TasNetworks' scope of influence. For this reason, specific timelines have not been assigned, acknowledging that it is not TasNetworks' role to determine delivery deadlines for other organisations. Where timeframes are known, they have been included in the tables below. However, many actions remain undated and will require further input and discussion with relevant stakeholders. Organisations involved in delivering these actions are encouraged to contribute to shaping realistic timelines and support a coordinated approach to implementation.

To assist with overall coordination and planning, a 'traffic light system' approach to timing and prioritisation of actions has been used. Red, orange, and green categories are used to signal urgency, focus, and progress status, to help all stakeholders align effort with strategic timing.

Category	 Red Urgent – Act Now	 Orange Priority – Needs Attention Soon	 Green On Track – Planned or In Progress
Definition	These are critical actions or opportunities at risk of being lost if not acted upon urgently.	These actions are important, but not yet critical, and require attention within the short to medium term to stay on track or maintain momentum.	These actions are currently proceeding as planned or scheduled for future implementation. No immediate risk of delay or opportunity loss.
Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Something must happen quickly to avoid missed opportunities - A funding or project deadline is coming up fast - A delay could stop other important work - There are signs of risk or slowdown 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Needed to prepare for future opportunities or actions - Funding or support is needed in the next few months - Partners are expecting progress soon - Could become urgent / high risk if left any longer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The work is going as planned - No urgent deadlines coming up - Everything is on track with enough support
Recommended Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Make this the top priority - Assign people and resources - Raise it with decision-makers if needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Add it to work plans for the next few months - Check in regularly to avoid delays - Stay focused so it doesn't become urgent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keep progressing as planned - Watch for any changes that might cause delays - Keep others updated on progress

Critical Actions for Regional Success

Several immediate actions must be advanced in the region, as they are essential to enabling broader economic opportunities and guiding the implementation of the Updated Plan. For instance, the region cannot effectively promote job opportunities or plan for workforce growth without a clear forecast of the project pipeline and associated workforce needs. Likewise, local businesses are unlikely to invest in building their capabilities without well-defined demand projections.

Key priority actions include:

- Developing a detailed **project pipeline** and **forecasting workforce demand** by occupation over time
- Defining clear **career, education, and training pathways** in the clean energy sector
- Conducting a **Cumulative Impact Assessment** to define the regional impacts of clean energy projects on workforce, housing, and support services
- Evaluating the **capability and capacity of local SMEs** to engage in the clean energy sector, aligning project demand with local supply, and identifying gaps and opportunities for business development

In addition, there is a pressing need for a dedicated organisation to be responsible for **coordinating and driving the implementation** of these actions. **Securing and managing the distribution of funding** to support delivery of the Updated Plan is also vital.

TasNetworks Role

This Updated 3-Year Regional Action Plan has been developed to drive economic development for the North West region.

TasNetworks plays an important but **defined role** in driving regional economic development linked to the NWTD project. While committed to contributing through procurement, promotion, and community benefit initiatives, many broader opportunities fall **outside its control**.

The Updated Plan clarifies where TasNetworks can take **direct ownership** of actions, where it can **support** the delivery of actions, and where **other stakeholders must lead**.

However, the **scale and complexity** of regional development challenges demand a **shared effort**. TasNetworks alone cannot deliver the full economic and social outcomes expected from the NWTD project and other renewable energy projects in the region.

It is now critical for **Government, industry, and regional stakeholders** to take **greater ownership and leadership**. TasNetworks urges others to step forward—coordinating, investing, and taking responsibility for delivering long-term regional benefits.

Theme 1: Workforce Development, Skills & Training

Objective #1: To stimulate and contribute to workforce development and a fair economy by unlocking a pipeline of projects in the renewable energy sector, contributing to decent wages, training opportunities and good working conditions.

Opportunity Identified opportunity or need	Action What actions are required to achieve this?	Prioritisation	Timeframe	TasNetworks' role	Proposed delivery partners	KPIs
1.1 To clearly define the skill demand over time	1.1.1. Define the clean energy projects pipeline for the region.	●		Support	State Gov, RECFIT, project proponents, head contractors	Project pipeline forecast developed and updated quarterly
	1.1.2. Forecast workforce demand over time detailing job numbers by occupation and timeline.	●		Support	Skills Tas, project proponents, head contractors	Workforce demand forecasts produced and updated quarterly
	1.1.3. Define the career opportunities in the clean energy sector.	●		N/A	Skills Tas	Clean pathways published and reviewed annually
	1.1.4. Define the education and training pathways to careers in the clean energy sector.	●		N/A	Skills Tas	Pathways maps completed and integrated into statewide skills strategy
1.2 To clearly communicate the clean energy careers and education / training pathways	1.2.1. Develop a centralised online portal to promote clean energy careers and education / training pathways consistently across Government and industry.	●		N/A	Skills Tas, RECFIT	Online portal launched and updated quarterly # of users / month
1.3 To further develop education and training pathways to support clean energy careers in the region	1.3.1. Undertake a Workforce Needs Assessment to ensure the qualifications offered at the Tasmanian Clean Energy Centre of Excellence match demand.	●	Sep 2025	N/A	Skills Tas	Workforce Needs Assessment completed
	1.3.2. Undertake a Quality Delivery Plan to shape operations at the Tasmanian Clean Energy Centre of Excellence.	●	Sep 2025	N/A	Skills Tas	Quality Delivery Plan completed
	1.3.3. Develop and operationalise the Tasmanian Clean Energy Centre of Excellence.	●		N/A	Skills Tas, TasTAFE	Tas CECOE established and operational # of enrolments in year one







Opportunity	Action	Prioritisation	Timeframe	TasNetworks' role	Proposed delivery partners	KPIs
Identified opportunity or need	What actions are required to achieve this?					
	1.3.4. Expand the VET teacher, training and assessor workforce to meet growing education and training needs in the clean energy sector.	●		N/A	Skill Tas, TasTAFE	% increase in qualified clean energy VET teachers annually
	1.3.5. Develop 'blended' education pathways that integrate vocational and tertiary training for clean energy careers.	●		N/A	Skills Tas, TasTAFE, UTAS	# of new blended education programs launched per year
	1.3.6. Establish a micro-credentialing scheme to support life-long learning and career transitions into and across clean energy roles.	●		N/A	Skills Tas, TasTAFE, UTAS	Micro-credentialling scheme developed # of micro-credentials issued annually
	1.3.7. Plan for growth of the TasNetworks RTO to meet future industry demand, and future alignment with the CECOE.	●	End 2026	Direct	Skills Tas, TasTAFE	RTO strategic growth plan complete Capacity increased by x%
1.4 To increased regional workforce participation in the clean energy sector	1.4.1. Strengthen partnerships with outreach, mentoring, and support programs to boost workforce participation and readiness among underrepresented groups, including the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community, women, and youth.	●		N/A	All	# of new partnerships formed % increase in participation from priority groups
	1.4.2. Implement the NWTD Scholarship Program to encourage year 11 and 12 students to pursue careers in the renewable energy sector.	●	Annually 2026 - 2029	Direct	TasTAFE, DECYP	# of scholarships awarded annually % of recipients entering energy-related pathways
1.5 To coordinate regional workforce development and deployment for clean energy projects	1.5.1. Appoint a lead organisation to manage workforce planning across clean energy projects in the region.	●		N/A	State Gov	Lead organisation appointed and resourced
	1.5.2. Develop a centralised workforce planning tool to track project timelines and provide more accurate continuous (longitudinal) data to forecast workforce needs, and manage workforce redeployment across projects to reduce peaks and troughs.	●		N/A	TBC	Tool developed and operational
	1.5.3. Align skills supply with project demand by occupation over time to identify shortfalls.	●		N/A	TBC	Skills gap analysis completed and updated annually

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Identified opportunity or need	What actions are required to achieve this?					
	1.5.4. Encourage skills and resource sharing to reduce competition, avoid labour shortages, and support investment in workforce development.	●		N/A	TBC, industry bodies, private sector	# of formal resource sharing agreements or initiatives
	1.5.5. Coordinate project scheduling and workforce needs to maintain steady employment and business activity.	●		N/A	TBC	Workforce coordination model in place
	1.5.6. Assess potential for bringing in skilled workers or resources from other regions to fill critical gaps.	●		N/A	TBC	# of skilled workers recruited from outside the region

Theme 2: Procurement & Opportunities for Local Businesses

Objective #2: To deepen local supply chains, support business development, and increase spending and investment in the local economy through procurement processes and decision making.

Opportunity	Action	Prioritisation	Timeframe	TasNetworks' role	Proposed delivery partners	KPIs
Identified opportunity or need	What actions are required to achieve this?					
2.1 Clearly define the opportunities for local businesses to participate in the NWTD project	2.1.1. Clearly define and publish NWTD work package requirements to inform local business planning and preparation.	●		N/A	Genus	NWTD work packages published and publicly accessible
	2.1.2. Assess and map local SME capability and capacity against NWTD work package requirements, identify supply chain gaps, and develop strategies to close the gaps.	●		N/A	Genus, ICN, State Gov, RECFIT, industry bodies	SME capability mapping complete # of identified supply chain gaps Strategy for gap closure developed and published
	2.1.3. Identify and quantify the local content opportunities across the NWTD project.	●		N/A	Genus	Local content opportunities document published \$ value of local content opportunities # of identified contract areas suitable for local suppliers
	2.1.4. Communicate the local content opportunities to SMEs, industry groups, and other target stakeholders to support awareness and participation.	●		Support	Genus, ICN, State Gov, RECFIT, industry bodies	# of communications issued Stakeholder satisfaction score
	2.1.5. Actively promote local suppliers to NWTD's head contractor (Genus) and subcontractors to support early engagement and targeted local sourcing.	●		Support	Genus, ICN, State Gov, RECFIT, industry bodies	# of local suppliers referred # of early engagement meetings facilitated
	2.1.6. Host NWTD-focused industry briefings, workshops, and meet-the-buyer events to connect SMEs with procurement pathways and decision makers.	●		Support	Genus, ICN, State Gov, RECFIT, industry bodies	# of events held # of SME participants Participant satisfaction score

Opportunity	Action	Prioritisation	Timeframe	TasNetworks' role	Proposed delivery partners	KPIs
Identified opportunity or need	What actions are required to achieve this?					
	2.1.7. Monitor and report on SME participation and Genus' compliance with "buy local" commitments, including local content, social procurement, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander procurement targets.		Ongoing quarterly 2026 - 2029	Direct	Genus	\$ value of local content \$ value of social procurement \$ value of ATSI procurement % of contracts awarded to local suppliers
2.2 Strengthen the readiness and competitiveness of local businesses to engage in the NWTD project	2.2.1. Identify and address specific barriers preventing local SMEs from participating in NWTD work packages—such as financial constraints, compliance requirements, or tendering inexperience.			N/A	Genus, State Gov, RECFIT, ICN, industry bodies	Barrier analysis report completed # of mitigation strategies implemented
	2.2.2. Establish a short-term, Government-funded business capability uplift program to support SMEs in meeting NWTD delivery requirements.			N/A	State Gov	Uplift program launched # of SMEs supported % of SMEs reporting improved readiness
	2.2.3. Introduce an employment and recruitment incentive scheme to boost local hiring and drive enrolment in VET programs aligned with NWTD.			N/A	State Gov	Incentive program launched # of local hires # of new VET enrolments
	2.2.4. Deliver NWTD-specific training and mentoring programs to strengthen SME capabilities in procurement, safety, compliance, and project delivery.			N/A	State Gov	# of SMEs trained # of mentoring sessions held Participant feedback ratings
	2.2.5. Collaborate with industry associations and regional development organisations to deliver targeted business development support focused on NWTD-related opportunities.			Support	State Gov, RECFIT, ICN, industry bodies, CCA	# of businesses supported Participant feedback ratings

Theme 3: Local & Regional Community Benefits

Objective #3: To generate flow-on economic, social and environmental benefits for local communities.

Opportunity Identified opportunity or need	Action What actions are required to achieve this?	Prioritisation	Timeframe	TasNetworks' role	Proposed delivery partners	KPIs
3.1 Focus on creating an enduring economic legacy	3.1.1. Develop and communicate a compelling, consistent narrative about the long-term social and economic benefits of clean energy for Tasmania—highlighting reduced energy costs, improved reliability, local investment, and national climate leadership—supported by emotive branding and community engagement.	●		Support	State Gov, RECFIT, project proponents, industry bodies, CCA, local Councils	Communication plan developed # of community engagement sessions held Stakeholder awareness results
	3.1.2. Undertake a Cumulative Impact Assessment to clearly define the impacts of clean energy projects on the region.	●		Support	CCA, project proponents, State Gov, RECFIT, local Councils	Cumulative Impact Assessment completed and published
	3.1.3. Identify and prioritise upgrades to social infrastructure needed to support a growing workforce.	●		Support	CCA, project proponents, State Gov, RECFIT, local Councils	Infrastructure gaps identified Priority upgrade list developed
	3.1.4. Assess the impact of clean energy projects on the region's existing housing supply.	●		Support	CCA, project proponents, State Gov, RECFIT, local Councils	Housing impact assessment completed and published
	3.1.5. Develop a Workforce Accommodation Strategy to address short- and long-term housing needs.	●		Support	State Gov, local Councils, CCA, project proponents, head contractors	Strategy finalised # of new accommodation sites planned or delivered
	3.1.6. Identify and implement strategies to attract and retain a highly skilled clean energy workforce.	●		Support	CCA, project proponents, State Gov,	% of local clean energy skills retained

Opportunity	Action	Prioritisation	Timeframe	TasNetworks' role	Proposed delivery partners	KPIs
Identified opportunity or need	What actions are required to achieve this?					
					RECFIT, local Councils	% reduction in skilled workforce turnover
	3.1.7. Collaborate with stakeholders to advocate for Commonwealth funding to support critical community infrastructure and regional projects.	●		Support	CCA, local Councils, State Gov, project proponents	# of funding proposal submitted \$ value of funding secured
3.2 Utilise supporting infrastructure for community benefit	3.2.1. Explore opportunities to expand the use of easements on community land.	●	End 2026	Direct	N/A	# of easement projects assessed for community use # of easements repurposed
	3.2.2. Develop adaptable workforce housing solutions that can be transitioned into long-term regional housing stock.	●		Support	Genus, project proponents, local Councils, State Gov	# of adaptable housing units developed \$ of units retained as community housing
3.3 Share benefits with the community	3.3.1. Deliver the NWTED Community Benefit Sharing Program.	●	2026 – 2030	Direct	N/A	Administrative and governance arrangements finalised # of projects funded annually \$ value invested annually
	3.3.2. Consider the establishment of a Regional Enhancement Fund for renewable energy proponents to jointly invest in strategic regional initiatives.	●		Support	RECFIT, Project proponents, CCA	Feasibility study completed Decision made on fund structure and governance # and \$ value of initiatives funded
	3.3.3. Continue implementation of the State Government's Tasmanian Renewable Energy Action Plan (TREAP).	●		Support	RECFIT	# of actions delivered on time
3.4 Be a model project proponent, driving local economic and social benefits for the region	3.4.1. Ensure transparency and data sharing between renewable energy and major infrastructure projects in the region.	●	Ongoing	Direct	State Gov, RECFIT, project proponents, head contractors,	Data sharing framework developed # of shared datasets

Opportunity Identified opportunity or need	Action What actions are required to achieve this?	Prioritisation	Timeframe	TasNetworks' role	Proposed delivery partners	KPIs
					industry bodies	
	3.4.2. Actively participate in local industry groups and regional development programs.	●	Ongoing	Direct	State Gov, RECFIT, project proponents, head contractors, industry bodies, CCA	# of forums / meetings attended per year
	3.4.3. Apply lessons learned from other Renewable Energy Zones and major projects.	●	Ongoing	Direct	State Gov, RECFIT, project proponents, head contractors, industry bodies, CCA	# of practices adapted from other projects
	3.4.4. Encourage GBEs and State-owned companies to lead by example in inclusive hiring and training practices.	●	Ongoing	Direct	GBE's, State-owned companies	# of inclusive workforce programs implemented % workforce diversity increase year on year

Theme 4: Public & Private Sector Investment

Objective #4: To encourage and enable additional public and private sector investment in flow-on opportunities in renewable energy, manufacturing and other sectors.

Opportunity Identified opportunity or need	Action What actions are required to achieve this?	Prioritisation	Timeframe	TasNetworks' role	Proposed delivery partners	KPIs
4.1 Build the region's green industry brand	4.1.1. Promote the region to clean energy proponents and low-emissions industries seeking to operate using renewable energy.	●		N/A	State Gov, RECFIT, OCG, Brand Tas, local Councils	# of promotional campaigns launched # of inbound investment enquiries
	4.1.2. Attract new industries that value low-carbon operations by highlighting the region's renewable energy assets and emissions reduction potential.	●		N/A	State Gov, RECFIT, OCG, Brand Tas, local Councils	# of new businesses or projects established in the region \$ value of new investment attracted
	4.1.3. Collaborate with specific industry sectors to implement their Emissions Reduction and Resilience Plans . - Agriculture - Energy - Industrial Processes & Product Use - Land Use, Land Use Change, and Forestry - Transport - Waste	●		N/A	State Gov, RECFIT, Climate Change Office, industry bodies	# of sector specific action plans implemented % reduction in sector emissions (where measurable)
	4.1.4. Continue to support local businesses with tools and incentives to improve energy efficiency and progress toward net zero.	●		N/A	State Gov, RECFIT, Climate Change Office	# of businesses supported \$ value of incentives distributed % reduction in energy use of emissions among participants
	4.1.5. Further define and communicate the fibre-optic benefits and opportunities to Tasmania from Marinus Link.	●		N/A	State Gov, RECFIT, OCG, Marinus Link	Fibre-optic opportunity report published
	4.1.6. Develop initiatives that foster resource recovery, reuse, and recycling within the clean energy sector to enhance sustainability credentials.	●		N/A	State Gov, RECFIT, industry	# of circular economy initiatives implemented % of project materials recycled or reused

Opportunity	Action	Prioritisation	Timeframe	TasNetworks' role	Proposed delivery partners	KPIs
Identified opportunity or need	What actions are required to achieve this?				bodies, private sector	# of businesses engaged in circular practices
4.2 Enable flow-on industry investment	4.2.1. Identify the current skills, experience, and technical readiness of local businesses to supply into clean energy projects in the region.	●		N/A	State Gov, RECFIT, ICN, industry bodies, private sector	Capability assessment completed # of SMEs assessed Results published
	4.2.2. Map clean energy supply chain shortfalls and prioritise areas for development or investment.	●		N/A	State Gov, RECFIT, ICN, industry bodies, private sector	Supply chain gap analysis report complete # of priority areas identified
	4.2.3. Deliver targeted programs that build SME capability to participate in clean energy supply chains, including technical skills, compliance, and innovation.	●		N/A	State Gov, RECFIT, ICN, industry bodies, private sector	# of SMEs supported through programs % of participants reporting improved readiness # and \$ value of contracts won by supported SMEs
	4.2.4. Design and implement Government-funded capital grant programs that support local businesses to scale up or diversify in line with clean energy supply needs.	●		N/A	State Gov, RECFIT, ICN, industry bodies, private sector	\$ value of grants awarded # of businesses funded % increase in production / output capacity among recipients
	4.2.5. Deliver Tasmanian Renewable Energy Action Plan (TREAP) Action 3.5: Maximise local Tasmanian business and employment opportunities for renewable energy projects - "Undertake a feasibility study into the potential for Tasmanian manufacturers to supply components for wind farms and other renewable energy projects."	●		N/A	RECFIT	Feasibility study completed and published # of local manufacturers identified with potential # of follow-up actions initiated based on findings

TasNetworks Action Implementation Plan

The following table outlines the **direct actions** for which TasNetworks is responsible for delivering. It is noted that TasNetworks will also play a supporting role in the delivery of a number of regional actions and these are outlined in the tables above.

Theme Area	Opportunity Identified opportunity or need	Action What actions are required to achieve this?	Prioritisation	Timeframe	TasNetworks' role	Proposed delivery partners	KPIs
#1 Workforce Development, Skills & Training	1.3. To further develop education and training pathways to support clean energy careers in the region	1.3.7. Plan for growth of the TasNetworks RTO to meet future industry demand, and future alignment with the CECOE.	●	End 2026	Direct	Skills Tas, TasTAFE	RTO strategic growth plan complete Capacity increased by x%
	1.4. To increased regional workforce participation in the clean energy sector	1.4.2. Implement the NWT D Scholarship Program to encourage year 11 and 12 students to pursue careers in the renewable energy sector.	●	Annually 2026 – 2029	Direct	TasTAFE, DECYP	# of scholarships awarded annually % of recipients entering energy-related pathways
#2 Procurement & Opportunities for Local Businesses	2.1. Clearly define the opportunities for local businesses to participate in the NWT D project	2.1.7. Monitor and report on SME participation and Genus' compliance with "buy local" commitments, including local content, social procurement, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander procurement targets.	●	Ongoing quarterly 2026 - 2029	Direct	Genus	\$ value of local content \$ value of social procurement \$ value of ATSI procurement % of contracts awarded to local suppliers
#3 Local & Regional Community Benefits	3.2. Utilise supporting infrastructure for community benefit	3.2.1. Explore opportunities to expand the use of easements on community land.	●	End 2026	Direct	N/A	# of easement projects assessed for community use # of easements repurposed
	3.3. Share benefits with the community	3.3.1. Deliver the NWT D Community Benefit Sharing Program.	●	2026 - 2030	Direct	N/A	Administrative and governance arrangements finalised # of projects funded annually \$ value invested annually

Theme Area	Opportunity Identified opportunity or need	Action What actions are required to achieve this?	Prioritisation	Timeframe	TasNetworks' role	Proposed delivery partners	KPIs
	3.4. Be a model project proponent, driving local economic and social benefits for the region	3.4.1. Ensure transparency and data sharing between renewable energy and major infrastructure projects in the region.	●	Ongoing	Direct	State Gov, RECFIT, project proponents, head contractors, industry bodies	Data sharing framework developed # of shared datasets
		3.4.2. Actively participate in local industry groups and regional development programs.	●	Ongoing	Direct	State Gov, RECFIT, project proponents, head contractors, industry bodies, CCA	# of forums / meetings attended per year
		3.4.3. Apply lessons learned from other Renewable Energy Zones and major projects.	●	Ongoing	Direct	State Gov, RECFIT, project proponents, head contractors, industry bodies, CCA	# of practices adapted from other projects
		3.4.4. Encourage GBEs and State-owned companies to lead by example in inclusive hiring and training practices.	●	Ongoing	Direct	GBE's, State-owned companies	# of inclusive workforce programs implemented % workforce diversity increase year on year

Appendices

Appendix A: Glossary of Proposed Delivery Partners

Abbreviation	Organisation
Brand Tas	Brand Tasmania
CCA	Cradle Coast Authority
Climate Change Office	Climate Change Office (part of ReCFIT)
DECYP	Department for Education, Children & Young People
GBE's	Government Business Enterprises e.g. Hydro Tasmania
Genus	Head contractor for NWTD project
Head contractors	Successful tendered head contractors appointed by renewable energy project proponents
ICN	Industry Capability Network (part of Department of State Growth)
Industry bodies	Industry bodies and associations e.g. Civil Contractors Federation, Keystone, Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Local Councils	Local Government bodies located in the NW region
Marinus Link	Marinus Link Pty Ltd
OCG	Office of the Coordinator General (part of Department of State Growth)
Private sector	Businesses and organisations that are privately owned and operated, including companies, industry groups, and investors
Project proponents	Renewable energy project proponents
ReCFIT	Renewables, Climate & Future Industries Tasmania (part of Department of State Growth)
Skills Tas	Skills Tasmania (part of Department of State Growth)
State Gov	Tasmanian State Government
State-owned companies	State-owned companies e.g. Tasmanian Networks
TasTAFE	TasTAFE
UTAS	University of Tasmania