

Waddamana to Palmerston transfer capability upgrade

Notice of discontinuation of Regulatory
Investment Test for Transmission

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TasNetworks acknowledges the palawa (Tasmanian Aboriginal community) as the original owners and custodians of lutruwita (Tasmania). TasNetworks, acknowledges the palawa have maintained their spiritual and cultural connection to the land and water. We pay respect to Elders past and present and all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

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This document has been prepared and published solely for the purpose of notifying stakeholders of the discontinuation of the Waddamana to Palmerston transfer capability upgrade Regulatory Investment Test for Transmission which TasNetworks commenced following publication of the Australian Energy Market Operator's 2024 Integrated System Plan. TasNetworks has used its best endeavours to ensure the accuracy of the information in this document is fit for purpose, and makes no other representation or warranty about the accuracy or completeness of the document or its suitability for any other purpose.

Notice of RIT-T discontinuation

In response to significant new wind generation forecast for Tasmania's Central Highlands Renewable Energy Zone (REZ), the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) identified the Waddamana to Palmerston transfer capability upgrade as an actionable Integrated System Plan (ISP) project in the 2024 ISP.

In response, TasNetworks commenced the Regulatory Investment Test for Transmission (RIT-T) process to determine the preferred investment to support the expected increase in renewable generation in the Central Highlands REZ.

TasNetworks undertook several activities to progress development of the RIT-T including:

- technical analysis to determine credible network options;
- schedule and cost estimate development;
- electricity market modelling to assess wholesale electricity market benefits of each option; and
- stakeholder engagement activities.

In AEMO's 2026 ISP, the Waddamana to Palmerston transfer capability upgrade has been replaced as an actionable ISP project by the Tasmania REZ Expansion project. As a result, TasNetworks will discontinue work on the Waddamana to Palmerston transfer capability upgrade RIT-T. A separate RIT-T will commence that considers options for meeting the identified need for the new Tasmania REZ Expansion project.

As part of the Tasmania REZ Expansion analysis, TasNetworks will assess some of the options previously considered as part of the Waddamana to Palmerston transfer capability upgrade RIT-T.

TasNetworks would like to thank interested stakeholders for their engagement with the RIT-T to date. TasNetworks will continue to work with interested and affected stakeholders in considering credible options as part of the Tasmania REZ Expansion RIT-T.



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